

Open Report on behalf of the Executive Director Adults and Children's

Report to:	Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee
Date:	5 March 2012
Subject:	Narrowing the Gap in Deprived Areas of Lincolnshire Scrutiny Review – Second Monitoring Update

Summary:

This report invites the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee to consider the second monitoring update on the implementation of the recommendations from the Narrowing the Gap in Deprived Areas of Lincolnshire Scrutiny Review. It also asks for the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee to consider whether future actions from the plan can be subsumed and taken forward as part of the Child Poverty plan.

Actions Required:

The Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee is requested to consider and comment on the progress made against the Action Plan.

The Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee is requested to consider whether future actions from the plan can be subsumed and taken forward as part of the Child Poverty plan.

1. Background

The Executive Response Action Plan, attached at Appendix A, was developed in response to the recommendations from a Scrutiny Review into Narrowing the Gap in Deprived Areas of Lincolnshire, which was presented to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee in December 2010. This report presents the second monitoring update on progress made against this Action Plan.

Following presentation of the draft Child Poverty Strategy to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee a meeting with a sub-group of members was convened to develop a formal response to the consultation on behalf of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee. One of the recommendations from this formal response was that the "Narrowing the Gap" agenda and the associated local action plan should be incorporated into the Child Poverty Strategy. There was also overall support for the Child Poverty Strategy and opinion was that it linked to the Early Intervention Strategy, therefore there was agreement that it should incorporate the former "Narrowing the Gap" agenda.

2. Conclusion

The Committee is asked to consider and comment on the attached Action Plan and agree whether it requires any further monitoring updates on progress made against the Action Plan.

A subsequent request to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee is to consider whether future actions and monitoring updates from the plan can be subsumed and taken forward as part of the Child Poverty plan, as per recommendation from sub-group of member convened to develop a formal response to the consultation regarding Child Poverty on behalf of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee.

Many of the tasks and actions within this plan now have been completed and practices mainstreamed into delivery. Subsuming outstanding actions into the broader Child Poverty Strategy will ensure integration and avoid overlap and duplication of efforts. It will also ensure wider partnership engagement into this agenda.

3. Consultation

a) Policy Proofing Actions Required

Not Applicable

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Narrowing the Gap in Deprived Areas of Lincolnshire Scrutiny Review - Action Plan
Appendix B	C4EO scoping project : Early Years - Narrowing the gap in outcomes for young children through effective practices in the early years

5. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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