

23 January 2013

REPORT OF THE PEOPLE BOARD

People Board Progress Report

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The report provides an update of progress against the People Board’s Work Plan for 2012/13.

2. Background

2.1 Earlier this year the Local Area Plan’s priorities associated with People were referred to the Coalfield People Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. The People Board has started to initiate action on those priorities and **Annex 1** outlines progress to date.

2.2 In addition to supporting the delivery of those priorities the People Board also has a key role in supporting the Area Committee in influencing the delivery, design and review of people based services delivered at an area level. Those services are beginning to be determined and currently include the following Early Intervention Locality Services :-

Children’s Centres and Childcare	Pre-birth onwards, group, individual support, health, learning, family support and supporting parents into work
Connexions Educational Psychology	Targeted and vulnerable, NEET Support to schools and children with special educational needs
Youth Development	XL and mobile services, contracted services, partnership working between local providers
Attendance Risk and Resilience	Support to schools and enforcement Substance misuse, sexual health and prevention of offending
Common Assessment Framework (CAF)	Management of the process for assessing needs and determining an appropriate response
To influence the commissioning of services delivered through contracted arrangements.	

3. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements up to 31 December 2012

3.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the Coalfield People Board up to 31 December 2012.

Area Priority: Early Intervention and Locality Services	
Action Taken	Outcome
Influence commissioning process for Youth Contracts	Area Committee agreed with the People Board’s recommendations to tailor the service to meet Coalfield Area requirements. In doing so: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Outcomes Framework was enhanced • Specific requirements were included in the Service Specification including age range, frequency of delivery and flexibility

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional questions/statements added to the Evaluation Criteria as the basis for allocating future contracts.
Area Priority: Support for Older and Vulnerable People and Carers	
Action Taken	Outcome
The People Board agreed to develop a mechanism to invite local VCS organisations to deliver local projects to reduce social isolation and improve wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A project brief and application process has been designed (Annex 2) • VCS organisations have been consulted via the Coalfield VCS Network • A recommendation to allocate £30,000 SIB for local provision is presented to this meeting under Item 4 (finance report) • An SIB application for £9,321 to enhance the Shoppa Bus service is presented to this meeting under Item 4 (finance report)
The People Board discussed the local impact of Welfare Reform and the increased need for local advice and support services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions were held with ShARP (local welfare and benefits adviser) regarding alternative ways to support local people • An SIB application for £23,166 to provide an enhanced and redesigned service is presented to this meeting under item 4 (finance report)

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 Members are requested to consider the progress and performance update with regard to the Coalfield People Board's Work Plan for 2012/13
- 4.2 Members are requested to agree the project brief and related process attached at Annex 2

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