

Coalfield Area Action Plan- Learning

Action	Lead Officer	Progress	Next Steps/Who?	Performance Measure	City wide	Area wide	Copt Hill	Hetton	Houghton	Shiney Row
As part of the Youth Development Group's mobile youth provision ensure information, advice and guidance is available in all parts of the Coalfields	Lynda Brown	The new Youth Mobile provision will be in place by April 2010. It will be delivered with key partners including Connexions. It will be managed via the Operational Area groups that have been set up to deliver the XL Village Events (12 February 2010)	Kath Butchert will ensure that attendance is collected by village/area as well as postcode, at the request of Area Committee	% of pupils attaining Key Stage 2 Level 4 English	81%	79%				
				Key Stage 2 Level 4 Maths	78%	78%				
As part of the consultation for the new Youth Provider contracts, the Youth Development Group to provide information on what the current provision consists of (what, when, where)	Lynda Brown	Details of existing youth provision for the Coalfields were circulated and discussed at the last Area Committee Meeting. The youth work contracts assessment process will be complete by the end of February. Councillors who expressed an interest have been involved, and the new commissioning arrangements will be in place 1 April 2010	Kath Butchert will provide an update to Area Committee once commissioning process is complete	% of pupils attaining Key Stage 4 5+ A-C GCSEs	64%	57%				
Explore the opportunities for cross border working with Durham County Council (e.g. Fencehouses crosses boundaries)	Lynda Brown	Cross border working on 14-19 provision already in place with Headways Sixth Form (Seaham and Hetton).	Lynda Brown to meet with colleagues in Durham on further opportunities.	% of pupils attaining Key Stage 4 A-C GCSEs including English & Maths	43%	42%				
Review anti bullying provision in schools and explore the need to extend anti-bullying programmes in primary schools in the Coalfield area.	Lynda Brown	The Head of Safeguarding has established an anti-bullying strategy group to look at provision, policies in schools and anti-bullying initiatives across the City. As part of this she has commissioned a piece of work that will audit activity. The information concerning Coalfields will be extrapolated from the report and reported to a further Coalfield Area Committee. Any Headteacher from Coalfields schools are welcome to join the Strategy Group. A pilot involving 10 schools from across the City will be initiated - schools from the area will be included.	Further feedback will be given by Children's Services once the pilot is complete	No of young people aged 16-18 NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training)	1184	185	42	47	53	43
Review future delivery of GO4IT positive activities work with young people. Connexions and Youth Development Group.	Lynda Brown	A full and extensive review of the GO4IT strategy has been undertaken. The GO4IT project has worked with 150 young people since October. 27 young people at risk of becoming NEET have been offered more intensive support at Hetton and Houghton Kepier schools. Delivered intensive support programme to 22 young people classed as NEET in conjunction with Connexions, 8 of the 22 progressed to EET before Christmas.	Currently delivering a new programme supporting NEET young people at the Hetton Centre. Further updates will be given via the Learning theme feedback	% of population aged 16-64 who have no qualifications	36.9%		36.8%	####	39.5%	36.2%
Review - FACL to identify and support the development of new providers of family learning	Lynda Brown	A meeting has been held between FACL, the Area Co-ordination Team and Procurement, to review current arrangements and to explore new ways of identifying and appointing providers of family learning.	The outcome of discussions has informed a proposal to change the way of commissioning. This will be discussed within FACL to develop a way forward. Further information will be brought to AC at the next meeting	% of residents satisfied with public transport	57%	42%				
Escalate to 14-19 partnership - review apprenticeship opportunities. Greater public sector commitment to the creation of more full apprenticeships is required - Either by providing apprenticeships within statutory sector organisations or providing financial incentives to other employers.	Lynda Brown	The Curriculum group of the 14-19 Partnership have been asked to carry out research into apprenticeship opportunities in the City and plans for future increases. The report will also focus upon the impact of the Machinery of Government changes and the role of the National Apprenticeship Service. It will include the role that the City Council is taking in increasing Apprenticeship opportunities.	The 14-19 partnership are now taking this issue forward. Updates will be provided via the Learning representative							
Nexus to provide further information	Pauline Hopper	Nexus provided a list of Secured Services in the Coalfield area. This information has been forwarded to Area Committee members	Nexus will attend future meetings and give input where appropriate							