

14-19 DRAFT STRATEGY 2009-2013 CONSULTATION

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES: Learning City, Prosperous City

CORPORATE IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES: Delivering Customer Focussed Services, Improving Partnership Working to Delivery "One City"

1. Why has this report come to the Committee?

- 1.1 The aim of the presentation is to inform members of the content of the 14-19 Draft Strategy 2009-2013 and consult on it. The 14-19 Strategy also includes the NEET (not in education, employment or training) Strategy. A separate report on NEET is also on the agenda for this meeting.
- 1.2 The 14-19 Strategy has been developed to address both national and local priorities and will contribute to the achievement of the following local targets outlined in the Children and Young People's Plan and the Local Area Agreement to:
 - Increase the number of learners achieving GCSE 5+A*-C grades including English and Maths.
 - Increase the number of young people from low income backgrounds progressing to higher education.
 - Reduce the number of 16-19 year olds not in employment education or training.
- 1.3 The national priorities are set out in "Delivering 14-19 reform: Next Steps" (Oct 2008)

2. Background

- 2.1 The current 14-19 Strategy 2006-2010 "Building a Better Future" has been reviewed after two years and in light of new policy direction from National government. After a self assessment against the LSC toolkit for 14-19 Partnerships "From Here to Entitlement" the 14-19 Steering Group decided that rather than refresh the existing strategy a new strategy should be implemented to incorporate new national and local priorities.

3. Current position

- 3.1 The 14-19 Draft Strategy including the NEET (not in education, employment or training) Strategy and has been produced by representatives from all sectors in the 14-19 learning phase across the city. Action plans which underpin the strategy will be produced by the relevant sub groups of the 14-19 Steering Group after the consultation phase when the key priorities are agreed.

- 3.2 Members are requested to read the draft strategy in the context of national priorities outlined in the document “Delivering 14-19 reform: Next Steps” (Oct 2008) and the Children and Young Peoples Plan which sets out local priorities and approve the document for wider consultation.
- 3.3 Challenge 6 reflects the Machinery of Government changes which comes into effect in 2010 when funding for 16-19 learners comes via the Local Authority rather than the LSC and when the LA will be responsible for commissioning 14-19 provision.
- 3.4 As the 14-19 Agenda continues to grow with the above changes, the implementation of a new entitlement for all 14-19 year olds from 2013 and the Raising of the Participation Age the challenge (Challenge 7) is to ensure that there is sustainable funding to support a central 14-19 Partnership team to deliver on the priorities.
- 3.5 The City’s 14-19 provision is scheduled for inspection week commencing 01 December. Any recommendations from this inspection will be reflected in the final version of this strategy and action plan.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The draft 14-19 Strategy reflects national and local priorities and is a crucial part of reshaping services for young people in Sunderland. It is therefore imperative that we consult widely and encapsulate the views of partners to ensure that all elements of the 14-19 Agenda are enshrined in it.

5 Recommendation

- 5.1 Members are invited to contribute to the draft strategy prior to wider consultation.

6. Background Papers

- 6.1 Draft 14-19 Strategy
“Delivering 14-19 reform: Next Steps” (Oct 2008)
“From Here to Entitlement” LSC toolkit on self assessment for 14-19 Partnerships.

7. Glossary - refer to page 48 of the 14-19 draft Strategy

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