

Devon Children's Trust Board

Report to Devon Children's Trust Board

Section 1 – General

Date of DCTB Meeting	21 st July 2010
Title of Report /Agenda Item	Policy Headlines
Author	Anne Whiteley
Presenter	Debbie Pritchard

Section 2 – Report Detail

Report is for:

Info X Decision: Endorsement Discussion X

Recommendations:

Partners share knowledge to inform joint and single agency actions.

Summary:

Policy changes or reviews announced in most key areas.

Report :

Background

The pace of change is considerable and so this is an opportunity to share information, to make links and agree ways forward where possible. At our last meeting we discussed the in year cuts and I attach the paper provided with proposals to address the effect of the Area Based Grants to Devon County Council Cabinet.

This paper will be out of date in some regards before the Board meets and will need supplementing by the knowledge of those present. This is therefore only a heads up.

Health

- White Paper 'Equity and Excellence: liberating the NHS' issued
 - o 'power will be devolved from Whitehall to patients and professionals'
 - o principle, 'no decisions about me without me'
 - o new responsibilities of local authority in health improvement
 - o phasing out of SHA and PCTs by April 2013
 - o consultation imminent
- Transforming Communities
 - o Target to split commissioning and providing by April 2011
- new academies will not have to meet nutritional standards for school dinners
- some cuts to CAMHS national programme from 1/4/10

Social Care

- Dr. Eileen Munroe leads review of child protection
 - o Call for evidence
 - o Wide reaching brief including health visiting, children's centres and voice of children and young people

Education

- Dame Clare Tickell leads Review of Early Years Foundation Stage which includes:
 - o Scope of regulation – potential one single framework for all Early Years providers.
 - o Learning and development evidence
 - o Assessment: whether and what
 - o Welfare: minimum standards to keep children safe and support their healthy development
- Final report April 2011 for implementation 2012
- Academies
 - o 3 – 4 applied in Devon for first tranche
 - o financial implications for DCC significant
 - o four amendments to the Academies Bill tabled including Freedom of Information, Special Educational Needs and Consultation advice to be debated
 - Building Schools for the Future
 - o Devon programme cut, Dartmouth still under consideration and Bideford allowed to complete
 - Green Paper on Special Educational Needs and Disabilities led by Sarah Teather expected soon
 - Intention to cut bureaucracy required in schools starting with cutting Tellus survey
 - Commitment to increasing powers of discipline
 - Grants to support training support staff cut 100% in year

Youth

- youth capital programme cut by about 50%
- questions around delivery of an all-age careers service

Youth Justice

- review expected with call for evidence

Department for Education

- Expenditure limits now set for future with emphasis on protecting front line services; early intervention; and, "delivery at no cost" policy options
- Responsibilities of GOSW changing to new models.

**Appendix 1 – DCC Cabinet Report In Year Reduction to Area Based Grant
14th July 2010**