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**Young People's Working Group**

**25 October 2006**

**Children and Young People's Plan 2007-10 – Consultation**

**Summary**

1. This paper outlines the consultation process being undertaken with children and young people to inform the Children and Young People's Plan 2007 – 10.

**Background**

2. The *Children and Young People's Plan* is a partnership plan, produced every two or three years, which covers all of the services that are provided for children and young people in the city. That means it is about the services, such as schools, that are provided for everybody, as well as the services that are targeted on particular groups of young people who may need extra support.
3. The Plan will cover the period from 2007 – 2010.
4. As the plan is a partnership plan for the city it is being developed through the Yor-OK Children's Trust. The work is being directed via a Reference Group made up of officers from the council and its significant partners in the statutory and voluntary sectors, chaired by Patrick Scott.
5. In order to develop the plan a comprehensive programme of consultation has been undertaken with children, young people, families, services and the general public. This consultation process has linked in with the consultation and involvement strategy developed for the Yor-OK Board by its Involvement sub-group.
6. This consultation programme will come to an end at the beginning of November.

**Summary of Consultation work**

7. The Yor-Ok Involvement Sub-Group has audited and collated the results of Involvement and Participation work undertaken in the City from the beginning of 2005. This total currently stands at 38 pieces of work. A full list and a preliminary audit carried out in May 2006 are attached as annex 1.
8. This is in accordance with the Involvement Strategy which seeks to maximise the effectiveness of Involvement work ensuring that young people from different situations can put forward their views which are

then available to inform strategy. Among major pieces of work which have been collated are:

- Sure Start Evaluations
- Research being undertaken for the 8 children's centres
- Research carried out by the SPRU from the University of York into the needs of disabled children and families
- Focus group of young people facilitated by the Children and Young People's champion

9. In addition a number of specific pieces of work have been commissioned via the Reference Group and the Yor-OK Trust.
  - A Postcard survey has been undertaken with children and young people across the city. Postcards were distributed via schools, Connexions, Youth Service, and Play Organisations. This has resulted in approximately 600 responses.
  - Specific work with disabled children and young people has been commissioned through The Children's Society
  - Specific work with Traveller children has been commissioned through York Travellers Trust
  - Specific work with BME children and families has been commissioned through the Cultural Diversity Project
  - A Question Time for young people from the York Secondary Schools, chaired by Harry Gration, is being held at the Guildhall on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October.
  - In a parallel process a DVD is being produced. This DVD is being made by young people, with professional support. It features a range of children and young people from 11 different projects around the city. The aim being to give an opportunity to young people to highlight their views of life in York and how they think services should develop.
10. As well as consultation with children and young people there has been an extensive consultation with key stakeholders across the city.
11. A consultation document has been produced which has been circulated to all stakeholders in York and is attached as annex 2.
12. All parents in York are being given the opportunity to respond to the consultation document. A postcard is being sent to all pupils in York schools, addressed to parents indicating that the above consultation document is available via schools and on the CYC web-site. There is open public consultation through a mobile display unit situated in Parliament Street on 23/24 October.

## **Reporting**

13. The period of consultation will come to an end on 6<sup>th</sup> November. The results of the consultation work from children and young people will be collated into one summary report by the Children's Trust Unit.
14. This report will give a resume of the consultation work undertaken and a summary of the views of children, young people and families. There will also be a report from consultation with key stakeholders.

15. The full results from all consultation work will be presented to the reference group and will be available from the Children's Trust Unit.

## Implications

16. **Financial** There are no implications.
17. **Human Resources (HR)** There are no implications.
18. **Equalities** There are no implications.
19. **Legal** There are no implications
20. **Crime and Disorder** There are no implications
21. **Information Technology (IT)** There are no implications

## Risk Management

22. There are no risk management implications.

## Recommendations

23. Members are asked to note:

- 1) The work undertaken through the Yor-OK Trust to ascertain the views of children, young people and families to develop the Children and Young People's Plan.

Reason: In order that the experiences of children, young people and families can continue to influence planning of services for children and young people.

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**Annex 1: Audit of consultation work**

**Annex 2: Children and Young People's Plan Consultation**