

## Young People's Working Group

25 October 2006

Report of the Director of Learning, Culture and Children's Services.

### HEAR BY RIGHT- NEXT STEPS

#### Summary

1. At a previous meeting it was agreed to accept the abridged version of the Hear By Right standards for use in the City of York. This report updates members of the group about the mapping exercise that was undertaken at the Involvement group, which has identified priorities for action for the next year, subject to approval from the Yor-OK Children's Trust Board.

#### Background

2. The involvement group met at the beginning of August and used the Hear By Right Standards to map the progress of children and young people's participation and involvement across the work of the Children's Trust. This resulted in identifying current practices and highlighting priorities for action for the next year. The review of current practice and issues for action against the standards are included as appendix 1.

#### Summary of Action Points

3. The following were agreed as action points:
  - Develop promotional material, which can highlight the values of the Involvement to all young people and families across the city.
  - Develop links between work in York and Regional involvement groups
  - Develop and promote good practice in celebrating the achievements of children and young people
  - Continue to develop web-site to include policies and practice
  - Promote a range of involvement of children, young people and families onto Governing Boards through – Distilling, disseminating and promoting key principles and methods
  - Ensure Children, young people and families are involved in inducting newly elected members after next election
  - Develop links with workforce strategy and HR departments to promote skills in Involvement as a core competency
  - Develop work with 16+ group – through link with Student Union in York College and through voluntary groups

- Develop/disseminate guidelines for young people and parents as researchers
- Seek to develop training for the workforce – re involvement – include development of policies
- Develop accreditation for children and young people to recognise their Involvement work

## Consultation

4. The involvement group's membership includes representatives from The Children's Trust, Youth Service, Arts Action, NHS, Play Team, Connexions, Children's Society and Councillors. The progress recorded in the standards represents the work of members of the Involvement group as a whole.

## Corporate Objectives

5. Adopting and utilising the revised Hear By Right Standards supports Councils objectives by:
  - Encouraging all Children and Young People to become Active Citizens
  - Consulting with young people about the future of the City and about provision by the council on behalf of children and young people.

## Implications

6. **Financial** There are no implications.  
**Human Resources (HR)** There are no implications.  
**Equalities** There are no implications.  
**Legal** There are no implications  
**Crime and Disorder** There are no implications  
**Information Technology (IT)** There are no implications

## Risk Management

7. There are no risk management implications.

## Recommendations

8. Members are asked to consider:
  - 1) The priorities for action that have been set against the Hear By Right Standards.  
 Reason: In order to take forward voice and influence work with children and young people.

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**Wards Affected:** *List wards or tick box to indicate all*

All

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## Annexes

**Annex 1 - Hear By Right: Yor-OK involvement group action plan**