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Haringey Strategic Partnership

Proposal for a NEET Task Group

Background

One of the key target areas where we are showing improvement but are still below where we want to be is tackling the NEET (young people Not Engaged in Education Training or Employment).

NEET has been considered by the Children and Young Peoples Strategic Partnership (which has a NEET Group reporting to the 11-19 Forum) and at the Enterprise Partnership.

The idea of doing some targeted work on particular issues was discussed at the last Haringey Strategic Partnership Meeting, issues suggested for focussed discussion and action were NEETs, Mortality and Housing.

NEET is one of the cross cutting issues that the Partnership needs to address.

This is an important time to do this as we are about to move into the period of confirming the priorities for the Partnership for the next year and the final allocation of the Neighbourhood Renewal Funds. We need to ensure that initiatives are seeking to address NEET, either directly or indirectly, are joined up and if necessary added to.

In addition there are currently issues with the future of Connexions and how these are resolved are important but we must ensure there remains a focus on the need for multi agency work on NEET. The proposed group would not be concerned with the Connections issue other than where it affects the Action Plan.

Proposal

A short term NEET Task Group be set up by the Strategic Partnership. It would have no more than 3 meetings. The purpose would be to:

1. Take stock of the current position and actions being taken.
2. Look at propose actions that could make a difference, for example like the focus we have used in the People and Places Project.
3. Agree an action plan and targets for the Partnership on NEET for the next eighteen months.

The group should be chaired by a Partnership Member not directly involved in the issue to date to give an 'external' perspective.

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The core agencies concerned with this Group should participate, with senior involvement:

Chair: Nominated by the HSP

- Haringey Children's Service
- Haringey Council Economic Regeneration
- Connexions
- Learning and Skills Council (LSC)
- Job Centre Plus (JC+)
- The College of North East London (CONEL)

Other members from the HSP that wish to participate

The existing NEET Group of the 11-19 Forum of the Children and Young Peoples Strategic Partnership would be involved with the work of the Group.

The Task Group would report to a meeting of the HSP before Easter 2007.

If the Task Group idea works it could be used as a model for other issues.

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