

**Lancashire Local – Lancaster District**  
Meeting to be held on 19th January 2010

**Part I - Item No. 12**

Electoral Division affected:  
All in Lancaster

**Lancashire County Council's Young People's Service  
Proposed Arrangements Responding to Revised Constitution/Delegated  
Powers of Lancashire Locals**  
(Appendices 'A', 'B' and 'C' refer)

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**Executive Summary**

This report outlines proposals for consideration by Lancashire Local - Lancaster District as to an annual timetable of activity and a range of monitoring and reporting processes to be implemented by the Lancashire Young People's Service. These processes seek to respond to the requirements of the revised constitution of the Lancashire Locals with respect to their delegated powers regarding the Lancashire Young People's Service in Lancaster.

In line with the new delegated powers, the report also presents a Draft Summary Overview of Service Provision from the Lancashire Young People's Service District Plan for Lancaster (2009 to 2010) which Lancashire Local – Lancaster District is asked to consider and comment upon.

**Decision Required**

Lancashire Local - Lancaster District is asked to:

- a) Consider and comment on the recommendations made by the Lancashire Young People's Service responding to the requirements of the revised constitution with respect to (YPS specific) delegated powers and on their proposed implementation from 1 January 2010 (as outlined in Appendix 'A').
- b) Consider and comment on the Draft Summary Overview of Service Provision for Lancaster and note its implementation in the current financial year in support of the local Children and Young People's Plan.

**Background**

## **1. Revised Constitutional Arrangements and their Application to Young People's Services**

On 4 December 2008, the Cabinet of Lancashire County Council (LCC) considered new constitutions for the Lancashire Locals following a period of consultation and endorsed these for consideration by Full Council on 11 December 2008. Subsequently, at the meeting of Lancashire County Council's Full Council on 11 December 2008 the revised constitutions of the Lancashire Locals were approved.

In relation to the powers and remit of the Lancashire Locals, the new constitution has been broadened out to encompass some additional delegations which are of importance locally and were considered could be implemented relatively quickly. Arguably, two of the biggest issues that face local councillors are highways/street scene issues and provision for young people. Therefore, the new constitution builds on the extensive delegations around highways and traffic issues and includes new responsibilities in relation to the Lancashire Young People's Service.

The constitution notes that in discharging the delegated powers, the Lancashire Local must act at all times within the approved policies, budgets and financial regulations of Lancashire County Council delegating the functions, and in accordance with Standing Orders at Section 3 of the Constitution.

The delegated responsibilities with respect to the Lancashire Young People's Service are noted in the Constitution as follows:

"Lancashire Young People's Service (delegated by Lancashire County Council)

1. Within the national framework and corporate policies, to determine and approve, in consultation with young people, the priorities and deployment of youth resources (except staffing) within available budgets and oversee a District Strategic Plan and annual Delivery Plan for the Lancashire Young People's Service, encompassing :-
  - a) Determination of the annual outcomes expected by the Lancaster District Delivery Plan.
  - b) Determination of the resource allocation to each element of the service in Lancaster, and the availability of young people's provision within the existing service budget and statutory requirements, to best meet the needs of the neighbourhoods, the needs of minority groups and those of vulnerable young people across Lancaster.
2. To recommend proposals for the deployment of Playbuilders' Funding for Lancaster district, with particular emphasis on the effectiveness of the partnership arrangements by taking into account the priorities of the local Children's Trust Partnership for Lancaster.

- 3 To monitor the delivery of the Annual Lancaster District Delivery Plan through:-
  - a) A six month review of delivery of the Plan
  - b) Ongoing local problem-solving with the service
  - c) Ongoing identification of opportunities for closer working between the Lancashire Young People's Service and complementary Borough/District/City Council service activities eg – Leisure, Cultural and Arts Services.
4. To work closely with the Lancashire Young People's Service in order to make effective the committee's problem-solving / opportunity seeking remit.
5. To work with young people in Lancaster to establish and monitor a Lancaster Protocol on engagement with young people, encompassing the allocation of Small/Project Grants and local youth issues generally.

A copy of the Protocol regarding engagement with young people, as agreed by the Lancashire Local ***** at the meeting on ***** , is attached as Annex A to this Constitution.
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6. To approve Small/Project Grants to youth organisations in accordance with guidelines issued by the County Council, following consultation with young people. Where the criteria for funding gives priority to decisions by young people the outcomes must reflect their conclusions."

It is noted that the protocol regarding engagement with young people is being presented to Lancashire Local - Lancaster District at this meeting when the working group's suggestions for further consideration to the engagement with young people pursuant to new functions in the new constitution will be discussed.

This is welcome, in embedding the relationship between Lancashire Local - Lancaster and local young people, enabling them to contribute positively eg by advising the Lancashire Local members on the allocation of small grants and on other issues which impact directly on local young people.

## **2. National and Local Policy Context for Young People's Services**

The policy context for the delivery of young people's services is relevant in assisting Lancashire Local - Lancaster in discharging its delegated powers and information around this is provided at Appendix 'C'.

## **3. Proposal as to an Annual Timetable of Activity and a Range of Monitoring and Reporting Processes to Respond to Lancashire Locals Delegated Powers**

In line with the rolling cyclical schedule of Lancashire Local meetings, the Service proposes a broad annual timetable of 'key activities' to be brought to future

Lancashire Local meetings for consideration/action as appropriate. The details of this cyclical proposal are set out in Appendix 'A' for consideration and comment.

Through application of this process, the Lancashire Young People's Service believes that we can ensure Lancashire Local - Lancaster's ability to discharge the details of its delegated powers through timely consideration of key business planning and review milestones.

The annual timetable will provide opportunity for Lancashire Local - Lancaster to consider performance data in key service areas and consider their implication against local needs and priorities. Also, we have considered the need to allow for flexibility in the timetable to enable the identification of specific service areas that Lancashire Local - Lancaster would seek to explore in more detail pertaining to the local agenda.

By agreeing the broad principles of an 'annual timetable' we can enable Lancashire Young People's Service Operations Managers to work proactively and plan accordingly in anticipation of agreed needs and processes.

#### **4. Draft Summary Overview of Service Provision for Lancaster**

One key aspect of the new delegated responsibilities to all Lancashire Locals regarding the Lancashire Young People's Service relates to determination of the annual outcomes expected regarding service delivery. With respect to this, attached as Appendix 'B', is a Draft Summary Overview of Service Provision for Lancaster for consideration and comment by the Lancashire Local - Lancaster.

The service delivery expectations in Lancaster flow from the County Young People's Service Plan 2008 to 2009 and outline the Service's Key Priority Focus areas and outlines proposed services to be delivered locally.

The Lancashire Young People's Service in Lancaster welcomes the input of Lancashire Local - Lancaster in shaping and influencing the development of service delivery planning in line with the constitutional context.

Further to the 'annual timetable' proposed (see Appendix 'A'), Lancashire Local - Lancaster will subsequently receive progress reports on the development and implementation of the Delivery Plan for 2010/11 and at the half-yearly point, the opportunity to review the Delivery Plan to ensure its continuing congruence with local needs and priorities.

#### **Consultations**

New delegated powers for all Lancashire Locals were approved by Lancashire County Council's Full Council on 11 December 2008. This was following a detailed consultation process, the outcomes of which are detailed in the supporting appendices to the report which was presented to the County Council's Cabinet meeting on 4 December 2008.

With regard to the development of the Lancashire Young People's Service service plans, these documents are compiled through processes which take account of feedback from staff teams involved in delivering and managing the services, and following reflection and review on service activity and evaluation from the previous year's work.

During the late spring (2009) period, Lancashire Young People's Service Operations Managers have met with key members of the Lancashire Locals to discuss service provision and receive feedback on perceived need and local priorities. This input has been accounted for in the development of the Summary Overview proposed in this report.

With the embedding of Local Children's Trust Partnership arrangements, there has been a focus on local priority setting. This has involved consultation with local children and young people. The Lancashire Young People's Service has engaged significantly with this process and the activities on which the Service can contribute have been taken account of within planning.

**Advice**

N/A

**Alternative options to be considered**

N/A

**Implications:** e.g. Financial, Legal, Personnel, Human Rights, Crime and Disorder or Other

This item has the following implications:

**Financial Risk management**

It is critical that agreed plans for implementation, particularly with respect to the delivery of externally funded programmes are maintained in order to ensure that agreed targets can be met and in order to comply with the terms and conditions of the external funding programme which require spend to be defrayed within the financial year.

**Crime and Disorder**

Agreed programmes of activity which relate to delivery in support of the local Community Safety Strategy must remain a priority and be maintained.

**Any representations made to the Directorate prior to the issue being considered in accordance with the Public Notice of Forward Plans**

Name:

Organisation:

Comments:

N/A

**Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985  
List of Background Papers**

Paper	Date	Contact/Council/Tel No
<a href="#">Report to the Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cabinet Member for Children and Families: 'Connexions Service'</a>	31 January 2005	Chester Morrison, Lancashire County Council, 01772 530925
DCSF paper 'Youth Matters'	July 2005	Rod Norton, Lancashire County Council, 01772 532821
DCSF paper 'Youth Matters: Next Steps'	March 2006	Rod Norton, Lancashire County Council, 01772 532821
<a href="#">Report to the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People and the Cabinet Member for Resources and Performance: 'Connexions Service'</a>	12 April 2006	Chester Morrison, Lancashire County Council, 01772 530925
Education and Inspections Act 2006	8 November 2006	Rod Norton, Lancashire County Council, 01772 532821
<a href="#">Report to all Lancashire Local meetings: 'Integrated Youth Support Service' Appendix A</a>	March and April 2007	Chester Morrison, Lancashire County Council, 01772 530925
<a href="#">Report to the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People: Lancashire Youth and Community Service Response to the DfES Consultation on IAG Standards for Young People and Appendix A</a>	3 April 2007	Chester Morrison, Lancashire County Council, 01772 530925
<a href="#">Report to the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People: Lancashire Youth and Community Service Response to the DfES Consultation on Statutory Guidance on</a>	3 April 2007	Chester Morrison, Lancashire County Council, 01772 530925

[Section 6, Education and Inspections Act \(Positive Activities for Young People\) and Appendix A](#)

Aiming High for Young People Implementation Plan	Original 18 March 2008 Updated 15 October 2008	Rod Norton, Lancashire County Council, 01772 532821
<a href="#">Report to the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People: 'Renaming of the Youth and Community Service'</a>	18 March 2008	Chester Morrison, Lancashire County Council, 01772 530925
<a href="#">Report to Cabinet: 'Development of Lancashire Locals' Appendix A Appendix Ai Appendix B Appendix C</a>	4 December 2008	Rod Norton, Lancashire County Council, 01772 532821
<a href="#">Report to Full Council: 'Development of Lancashire Locals' Annex A1 Annex A2 Annex A3</a>	11 December 2008	Rod Norton, Lancashire County Council, 01772 532821
<a href="#">Report to all Lancashire Local - Lancaster District on Lancashire County Council's New Young People's Service Appendix A Appendix B Appendix C Appendix D</a>	14 October 2008	Rod Norton, Lancashire County Council, 01772 532821

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A