

EXETER CITY COUNCIL

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE COMMUNITY 17 JANUARY 2006

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report seeks Members' comments on the second draft Children and Young People's Plan for the part of Devon covered by the County Council.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 A Children's Trust has been established in the Devon County Council area to take forward the government's strategy for children. This looks to integrate front line service delivery from all agencies, particularly health, education and social services. Agencies aim to provide services jointly, to assess children and provide for their needs jointly and to share information. A Director of Children's Services is being appointed to take responsibility for establishing and maintaining inter agency governance arrangements and providing leadership.
- 2.2 Partners including health bodies, the police, Connexions and district councils have a duty to cooperate with the Children's Trust to make sure that they provide better services and outcomes for children and young people in their area.
- 2.3 The County Council has a statutory duty to develop an integrated Children and Young Persons' Plan by April 2006. The timetable for delivering this is as follows:

Date	Actions
9 December 2005	Children's Trust Executive Management Group agree next draft. Launch second round of consultation with 'Duty to Co-operate' partners governing Boards and District Council committees.
9 February 2006	Second round consultation closes - final drafting commences.
16 February 2006	Children's Trust Board receives final draft.
28 February 2006	DCC Executive receives final draft.
9 March 2006	Full Council.
Mid March	Devon's first ever Children and Young People's Plan is distributed to partners.

2.4 The second draft plan is circulated for Members at Appendix I. The City Council's comments on the first draft of the plan are attached as Appendix II. Members' views are sought so that a response from the City Council can be submitted by the 9 February 2006 deadline. A draft submission will be circulated for discussion at the meeting.

3 RECOMMENDED

- 1) Members' comments are sought on the draft Children and Young People's Plan.

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Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (as amended)
Background papers used in compiling this report:

None