

By: Head of Democratic Services and Local Leadership  
To: Children, Families and Education Policy Overview Committee  
Subject: Local Children's Services Partnerships (LCSPs) – Proposal to establish a Sub-Committee

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Summary: This reports sets out a proposal to establish a Sub-Committee of Children, Families and Education Policy Overview Committee to have an overview of the Local Children's Services Partnerships (LCSPs)

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## Introduction

1. (1) At the last meeting of the Policy Overview Committee (POC) on 3 June 2008 Members received a report on the LCSP's an updated version is set out below

(2) The Kent Children's Trust (KCT) has agreed to introduce 23 Local Children's Services Partnerships Trusts across Kent from September 2008. The local partnerships will be the local "delivery arm" of the KCT, their key purpose is to strengthen integrated working to improve outcomes for local children, young people (CYP) and families. The LCSPs will be based on the geography of the existing school clusters and increasingly draw together all public and voluntary services for CYP and families in that locality including schools, early years settings, health and youth services.

(3) Key elements of LCSP Working - being introduced from September 2008

(i) Local Children and Young People's Plan (LCYPP)

Each LCSP will agree and deliver a LCYPP based on the Kent CYPP and focussed on the particular issues that local C&YP face. All localities have prepared a first working edition of their LCYPP in readiness for September 2008. A range of multi agency data has been provided to support this planning. Local multi agency data sets can be viewed on:

[http://www.kenttrustweb.org.uk/Children/kct\\_localdata.cfm](http://www.kenttrustweb.org.uk/Children/kct_localdata.cfm)

(ii) Local Children's Services Partnership Board

The local Board will lead the development of integrated planning and delivery and work with existing partnership groups, for example Crime Disorder Reduction Partnerships. The Board will report to the Kent Children's Trust and be accountable for delivering the LCYPP. A local Partnership Agreement has been developed to support the effective operation of the LCSP Board.

### (iii) Local Children's Services Partnership Manager and Teams

Each local partnership will be managed by a LCSP Manager who will lead the development of integrated working, support the Partnership Board and ensure outcomes are improved. Appointments have been made to 20 of the 23 posts and cover arrangements are in place for the 3 vacancies.

Staff currently part of the cluster teams have transferred to the new LCSP and further staff will be deployed as the LCSPs develop. There will also be much stronger links with professionals across partner agencies particularly as the integrated processes for CAF, lead professional and Contact-Point are implemented.

Improving outcomes across the ECM framework is acknowledged to be a long term agenda. The introduction LCSPs in September is a significant milestone in Kent and forms part of a long term change programme to embed highly effective children's trust arrangements.

### **LCSP Sub- Committee**

2. (1) It is suggested that a Sub-Committee of this POC be established to oversee the operation of LSCP's with a particular focus on the LCYPP which will make recommendations to the POC on best practise and suggestion for improvements.

#### *Terms of Reference:-*

(2) To oversee the operation of the Local Children's Services Partnerships (LCSP's) and make recommendations to the Children, Families and Education Policy Overview Committee

#### *Work Programme*

(3) Meeting would provide an opportunity to review 3 - 4 LCSP's at a time making recommendations at the next meeting of the POC. There would be 2/3 study days a year spread around the country, which would consist of visiting localities in the morning and a meeting of the Sub-Committee in the afternoon.

#### *Size of Sub-Committee*

(4) It is suggested that the Membership of the Committee be based on the proportion 4:2:1 – which is the same size as Select Committees – with the Membership drawn from across the county.

#### *Time limited*

(5) This Sub-Committee will be time limited and it would review its operation after 1 year to give Members the opportunity to recommend improvements.

## *Meetings*

(6) It is recommended that the Sub-Committee meets 6 – 8 times a year. The meetings would be programmed so that there is timely reporting of the outcomes to the five meetings of POC in the year.

## **Recommendation**

3. That, subject to approval by the County Council at its meeting on 16 October 2008, a time limited Sub-Committee of the Children, Families and Education Policy Overview Committee be established to have an overview of the Local Children's Services Partnerships (LCSPs) on the terms set out in the report.

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