

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMMUNITIES and HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD

14 November 2016

Report of the Chief Executive

Part 1- Public

Matters for Information

1 TONBRIDGE AND MALLING LOCAL CHILDREN'S PARTNERSHIP GROUP

To provide an update on the work of the Local Children's Partnership Group (LCPG) and the minutes from the previous meeting.

1.1 Background

1.1.1 As Members will be aware, the role of the LCPG is to ensure effective child and family centred engagement by partners and to drive improvement in specific outcomes for children and young people. By working in collaboration the group can pool resources, share information and prepare and monitor effective service delivery.

1.2 Minutes of the meeting held 30 September 2016

1.2.1 Attached as Annex 1 to this report are the latest minutes from the LCPG meeting. Much of the meeting was spent discussing "Dashboard" data and priorities for Tonbridge and Malling. Highlighted were levels of absenteeism in secondary schools and the rates of early help referrals in relation to mental health issues. It has been agreed that some further work will now be undertaken to explore the details of these more fully.

1.2.2 Another focus for the meeting was the Early Help Grants, including the timeline for the next round of grants for 2017/18. It was agreed that support would be given to bids for projects that promote and support positive relationships in addressing the following priorities:

- Reducing the number of NEET young people in the district
- Reducing teenage conception rates
- Provide support for victims of Domestic Abuse
- Improve school attendance

1.2.3 A sub-group has been established with representatives from TMBC, KCC, the Community Safety Partnership and a representative from the Voluntary and

Community Sector. The sub group will score each bid and select the successful applicants.

- 1.2.4 The window for grant applications opens on 1st November and applicants will have until the end the calendar year to submit their bid. This will then allow projects to commence early 2017.

1.3 Legal Implications

- 1.3.1 N/A

1.4 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

- 1.4.1 Early Help Grants (approximately £45,000 - £50,000) to support youth provision in Tonbridge and Malling, will be available for successful applicants in the new year. These are funded from KCC budgets.

1.5 Risk Assessment

- 1.5.1 N/A

1.6 Policy Considerations

- 1.6.1 The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

Background papers:

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Nil

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