

Minutes

Children's Integrated Commissioning Group

Weds 7th January 2009

Meeting Room, Level 10, Oldham Civic Centre

Present:	Teresa Broadbent (Chair)	Oldham Council
	Neil Stott	Oldham Council - Finance
	Ed Francis	Oldham Council
	Jane Hughes	Oldham HUB
	Shirley Allen	Oldham Partnership Support Team
	Teresa Broadbent	Oldham Council
	Mark Connolly	Action for Children
	Jill Beaumont	Oldham Council
	Lihanne Nelson	Oldham Council
	Anne Nikolaou	Oldham Council
	Simone Spray	Oldham Council

Apologies:

Alan Lee

Keith McCabe

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1. Minutes of Last Meeting 3rd December and Matters Arising.

Jane Hughes had given apologies for the previous meeting which had not been minuted. Anti Bullying Coordinator Business Case has been presented at Children in Need SDP, deferred for further work.

As agreed at the previous meeting, Ed had met all current VCS providers and confirmed our intention to extend our arrangements with them by a further two years subject to a successful evaluation during the first half of the financial year. Issues had been raised by OPAG and Key to the Door which have been put on this meeting's agenda.

2. Area Based Grant 2008/9.

Shirley Alan confirmed that information relating to Quarter three would not be available until early Feb. It was reconfirmed that the ICG will request a carry forward of underspend in relation to Children's Fund funded posts currently unfilled to allow them to be filled for three years. Other than that things appeared to be on target. Neil Stott raised the issue of the Freeze Panel and whether spending against ABG needed to go through it as this now appears to be the case and this obviously impacts on Project Leads ability to spend in planned timescales. Shirley Allen's view was that spend did not need to go through but many ICG members were hearing contradictory advice.

Shirley Allen and Neil to clarify issue relating to Freeze Panel

3. Area Based Grant Allocations 2009/10 and 2010/11.

Ed Francis had circulated a document that had gone to the Oldham Partnership Executive Group in December giving recommendations for Block ABG allocations for the next two financial years. The CYP Block allocations were to be £8,142,252 and £7,932,942 respectively (reflecting increases in DCSF funding for 2009/10). The issue of underspends from this year was not addressed. The final decision on allocations was to be made at the Public Service Board at the end of January and Shirley highlighted that there may be some pressure around allocations to the Economy and Enterprise Block due to the growing worklessness agenda. **Ed to inform ICG as soon as allocation is confirmed.**

Ed raised the issue of the increase in funding for PAYP from next year. Tim Mitchell had advised that this would be used in the YIP expansion as agreed with Safer Stronger Communities Block but was not sure this was the case. **Jill Beaumont agreed to look into.**

There were two issues for the group to consider in relation to commissioning intentions from April 09.

Family Group Conferences

Although it was the intention to extend contractual arrangements with Child Action Northwest, work had been done to refocus and reprioritize the activity undertaken within the project. **The group endorsed the revised arrangement. Shirley Allen to work up revised Delivery Schedule prior to April 1st.**

Support to Young Carer's (The interest of Mark Connolly as Action for Children are the current provider was duly noted). This service is to go out to open tender and TUPE will apply in respect of currently employed staff. The Commissioning Specification was considered by the group and some amendments were agreed upon. **The specification had had significant input from young carers themselves. Shirley Allen to progress with Zoe Sweeney and initiate the tender process. Teresa Broadbent to be group rep on the tender evaluation panel.**

4. Oldham Play Action Group and Key to the Door Funding Arrangements.

Ed Francis raised issues in respect of funding issues concerning the above mentioned organizations.

OPAG had had Priority Programme Funding from the Council withdrawn and this threatened OPAG's viability. Ed raised the issue of whether the work undertaken by OPAG was deemed a priority and should be considered for ABG funding. He also reminded the group that OPAG were providing Junior Youth Clubs via ABG and this

OPAG via ABG (Junior Youth Clubs) could be at risk. The group did not feel it could determine the priority or otherwise of play development work and referred the matter to the Play Partnership to develop a Business Case if ABG funding was required.

Key to the Door had advised that had experienced a funding shortfall due to removal of funding from Sure Start/Early Years Grant. Their ability to continue to deliver the TOYS project might be compromised, Ed had already referred this to Maria Greenwood to get the background context.

Ed to follow through and report to next ICG.

5. A.O.B.

Richard Gore had been identified as Children's Block lead on the Equalities Impact Assessment. and would be working with Shirley.

6. Date of Next Meeting – Weds 7th January 2009, 1 – 2.30 pm.