

## REVIEW OF THE EYDCP BOARD'S DEVELOPMENT

CYPD	Children and Young Peoples Directorate
EYDCPB	Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership Board
CYPP	Children and Young Peoples Plan
CYPB	Children and Young Peoples Board
CCLPG	The Children's Centre Locality Partnership Groups

### BACKGROUND:

The creation of the Children' and Young Peoples Directorate (CYPD) prompts a review of the infrastructure, which supports it and this includes a review of the place the EYDCP Board (EYDCPB) within it. The EYDCPB and its constitution was originally established under the Sure Start legislation, and at the two last meetings of the EYDCPB, its role and function was discussed in relation to the Herefordshire Children's and Young People's Plan (CYPP).

Herefordshire Council has established three services within the CYPD to operate under a Children's and Young People's Board (CYPB). There is a proposal to set up an Executive Arm and a Children's Trust Office. The Early Years and Childcare Service, incorporating Children's Centres and the Extended Schools Programme, form part of the Integrated Services and Inclusion Service. Each of the Children's Centres will set up a partnership group of service providers and users for their locality, which will also encompass extended services activities (Extended Schools)

### EYDCPB DEVELOPMENT ISSUES:

The development of the EYDCPB remit needs to be considered in relation to role and function of the:

- CYPB
- The Children's Centre Locality Partnership Groups (CCLPG)

This paper offers suggestions about how the development of the EYDCPBs remit can be conceptualised in the new administrative context of the Children's Directorate and the development of Children's Centres and Extended Services.

### The inter-relationship of the EYDCPB and the CYPB:

The EYDCPB will need to continue to serve the following roles and functions in connection with the Authority's Early Years (EY) and Extended Services (ES), which includes extended schools administration:

- enabling the interface between the local authority and the public, private and voluntary providers
- the agencies and bodies involved in EY and ES provision (eg: OFSTED, LSC, NCMA etc)

- providing a forum for the detailed consideration of the development and implementation of national and county-wide policy and practice, including the CCLPGs
- facilitating the democratic involvement of the larger constituency of EY providers and users – (Potential 'Refreshment' of EYDCPB membership to be fully representative, together with written specifications of roles)
- providing feedback about the implementation of national policies and county-wide policies to the CYPB
- delegated oversight of the implementation of quality, workforce development and information
- The overall management of the demand and supply of childcare places, provision and services, enabling sufficiency for Herefordshire
- Financial accounting, policies and funding opportunities

**The inter-relationship of the EYDCPB and the CCLPGs in connection with the EY and ES administration:**

- supporting county-wide consistency in policy and practice in the context of the above functions,
- providing a forum for the county-wide consideration of local concerns
- representing the CCLPGs to the CYPB, the agencies and bodies involved in EY and ES provision (eg: Ofsted, LSC, NCMA etc)

**ORGANISATIONAL ASPECTS OF THE EPB AND THE EY AND (ES) ADMINISTRATION:**

The EYDCPB will report to the CYPB.

The Head of the Integrated Services and Inclusion Service will be a member of the CYPB, and will facilitate the EYDCPB's communication with it.

There will be a link between the EY and ES administration and the Executive Arm.

**Operational considerations:**

Decision-making:

- in general, the EYDCPB will deal pro-actively with consultation about proposed national and Local Authority implementation of policy and practice.
- in order to avoid excessive time spent by individuals in attending meetings, consideration needs to be given to:
  - the frequency of EYDCPB meetings,
  - effective ongoing briefing of members,
  - arrangements for urgent decision making between EYDCPB meetings
  - arrangements to ensure that EYDCPB representative members can communicate with their constituents
  - effective interaction with the EY and ES administrative infrastructure.
  - appropriate public dissemination of the EYDCPB's deliberations etc.

## **The potential of electronic communication needs to be explored**

### **Constitutional specifications:**

Representation on the EYDCPB needs to be considered, to include:

- EY and ES provider groupings
- County-wide Agencies involved in EY and ES provision – including schools
- National etc agencies involved in EY and ES work (including OFSTED)
- The Local Authority EY and ES administration
- Herefordshire councillors

Arrangements need to be decided about:

Representation of the EYDCPB on the EY and ES administrative infrastructure

The appointment of a chair and deputy chair.

### **Servicing of the EYDCPB:**

Effective secretarial services to EYDCPB support for the dissemination of the EYDCPB's deliberations.

### **TIME TABLE:**

#### **Drafting Phase**

- 4/8 first draft to Ros H
- 15/8 consult EY and ES SMT and feedback  
contact agencies etc about proposed further consultation timetable below.
- 21/8 second draft

#### **Draft Consultation Phase**

- 22/8 consult Sue Fiennes (Children's Directorate) + feedback Ann Heath (Integrated Services and Inclusion Service) + feedback
- 29/8 third draft
- 4/9 consult PCT, ES senior schools inspectors, primary and secondary HT groups and Children's Centre Managements.

#### **Feedback by 18/9**

- 26/9 fourth draft
- 29/9 agenda item for EYDCPB 9/10 – consultation with EYDCPB members
- 9/10 EYDCPB consultation
- 23/10 fifth draft

### **PRESENTATION OF FINAL PROPOSALS - to all involved parties**