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Supplementary Information for 25th March 2010 Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)

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	Recommendation	Stage	Complete
5	That the Director of Children's Services produces clear guidelines which support partners to manage existing and future jointly funded activities, projects or teams, with clear lines of accountability for key areas such as personnel and performance management.	2 (Achieved)	✓
	<p><u>March 2010 update</u> The following items have been developed and will now be progressed through the new Children's Trust arrangements and the follow up to the Children's Services Leadership review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A draft framework re the technical arrangements to achieve 'pooled' budget arrangements (developed through the Vulnerable Groups Commissioning Partnership). • Locality Governance arrangements as per the paper to Executive Board in November 2009 which promotes partnerships at area and cluster level which meet the standards adhered to in the Council's significant partnership framework. <p>The Council has adopted the 'Delivering Successful Change' approach for project management arrangements.</p> <p>Director's Response (Approved by Executive Board April 2009) <i>A new financial planning framework established in 2009/10 will ensure that all aspects of children's services financial planning are considered together. Detailed guidance will also be developed by a small partnership group. This will be completed by September 2009.</i></p> <p>Update on Latest Position/Activity May 2009 <i>It is anticipated that the partnership group will complete this work over the summer of 2009.</i></p> <p>September 2009 update <i>Education Leeds has produced guidelines for schools re HR issues and 'cluster' arrangements. An HR partnership network is being established to further progress this work and produce guidance before April 2010.</i></p>		

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6	<p>That the Director of Children's Services produces a protocol with partners which promotes proper consultation with all partners involved in jointly funded activities, projects or teams before the removal of funding. The protocol should allow for the consideration at a strategic level of the implications of the potential loss of any such service within the overall priorities for Children's Services.</p>	2 (Achieved)	✓
	<p>March 2010 update This work is now progressing through the Children's Services Improvement Plan under the Deputy Director for Commissioning and includes actions to complete a commissioning framework, a commissioning prospectus and a service review framework. It is proposed that future monitoring is through the relevant Improvement Plan actions – ref action 4 and action 1.4.3</p> <p>Director's Response (Approved by Executive Board April 2009) <i>A partnership working group will be established to progress this recommendation, which will be completed by September 2009. This will link in to the financial planning framework outlined in recommendation 5 above.</i></p> <p><u>Update on Latest Position/Activity May 2009</u> <i>It is anticipated that this work will be completed over the summer of 2009. This will enable the group to set it in the context of the new Children and Young People's Plan and consider new government guidance around Children's Trust Arrangements.</i></p> <p>September 2009 update <i>The Vulnerable Group Commissioning Partnership is progressing work re 'pooled' budget arrangements which will be taken through relevant partnership and executive arrangements prior to the next financial year. We will use the Co-location fund project in Seacroft and the Youth Hub project in South Leeds to further develop through practical examples protocol and guidance. Partners through ISCB will be asked to identify at an early stage in the budget cycle any jointly funded projects at risk.</i></p> <p>December 2009 update <i>A development paper on Locality Governance has been prepared and shared with the Council's Corporate Governance and Audit Committee. Further work is required but the paper includes recommendations that clusters should be seen as significant partnerships within the Council's overall partnership framework. The paper includes recommendations about resource management arrangements. However, this work will need to be reflected upon within the context of the current Children's Services Leadership Review.</i></p> <p><i>The Strategic Leader (Resources) has asked all partners represented on the Integrated Strategic Commissioning Board to alert him about any single agency decision which might impact adversely on existing multi-agency arrangements during the current budget planning round. He will follow up on this at the January meeting.</i></p>		