

CHILD POVERTY UPDATE

1.0 Background

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on actions being taken by the Wirral Child and Family Poverty Working group (herein referred to as the Working Group) and to provide an update on the development of the school community hubs (herein referred to as the Hubs).

2.0 Child Poverty Working Group Update

2.1 There are no updates to present at this current time

Hubs Update

3.1 The Hubs development and implementation commenced in February 2014.

3.2 Both Hubs are preparing for school summer holidays and activities have been scheduled to take place during the majority of the summer break.

Activities have been developed focusing on the following:

- Family and children wellbeing
- Greater awareness of support available to parents in local area
- Increased desire of parents to move into work
- Increased engagement of parents with existing employment and enterprise
- Improved aspirations of children due to rising parental aspirations

3.4 Evaluation work in both Hubs is on-going

3.5 Raising the profile of the Hubs' work across the wider economy is now a priority and a recommendation to the Hubs has been made to consider appropriate forums/meetings of where this could happen

4.0 Recommendations

4.1 It is recommended that the Children's Trust Board:

- Note the updates set out in the report and request further information as required
- Agreed for an update on the Hubs' work to be presented at the Liverpool City Region meeting
- Agreed to receive the next quarterly update on the 23 September 2014

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