Partnerships Service Plan 2008/12

DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

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SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

One Darlington : Perfectly Placed, through:-

- Prosperous Darlington
- Aspiring Darlington
- Healthy Darlington
- Greener Darlington
- Safer Darlington

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- Average Earnings
- Numbers out of work (priority wards)
- Overall Employment
- Inequality gap: Level 2 - qualifications by age 19
- Achievement gap: Key Stages 2 and 4
- Pupils with 5 or more GCSEs at Grades A* - C (including English and Maths)
- Healthy life expectancy at age 65
- All age, all causes mortality rate
- Under 18 conception rate
- Per capita CO_2 emissions
- Climate Change action level achieved
- Household waste recycled and composted
- Re-offending rate of prolific and priority offenders
- Repeat incidents of domestic violence
- Perceptions of anti-social behaviour

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CORPORATE OBJECTIVES

'A Leading Edge authority', through:-

- Shaping a better Darlington
- Providing excellent services
- Putting the customer first
- Ensuring access for all
- Enhancing our capacity to improve

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- Residents' satisfaction 65%
- Employee satisfaction of the Council as a place to work 70%
- Direction of travel (improving strongly) IS
- Equality Standard for Local Government 4
- Key areas of performance
  - Waste: Household waste recycled & composted 26%
  - Development control: Processing planning applications (other) within 8 weeks 85%
- PDRs undertaken 96%
- Average number of days sick 9.5
- CPA score
  - Children's Services 3
  - Social Care - Adults 3
  - Environment 3
  - Benefits 4
  - Use of Resources 3
  - Housing 3
  - Culture 3

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DEPARTMENTAL OBJECTIVES

'A Leading Edge authority', through:-

- Be Healthy – Enjoying good physical mental health and living a healthy lifestyle
- Stay Safe – Being protected from harm and neglect
- Enjoy and Achieve – Getting the most out of life and developing the skills for adulthood
- Make a Positive Contribution – Being involved with the community and society and not engaging in anti social behaviour
- Achieve Economic Well-Being – Not being prevented by economic disadvantage from achieving their full potential in life
- Planning Effectively - Co-ordinating and managing the delivery of services and resources, ensuring that they are of high quality, represent value for money and are responsive to the needs of children, young people and their families

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- Pupils with 5 or more GCSE's at grades A* - C including Maths and English 50.2%
- Pupils leaving with no GCSEs 3.9%
- Key Stage 3 Pupils Level 5 or above in both English and Maths 78%
- Key Stage 2 Pupils Level 4 or above in both English and Maths 76%
- Secondary half days missed due to unauthorised absences 1.8%
- Primary half days missed due to unauthorised absences 0.35%
- Permanent exclusions 0.13%
- Achievement gap between FSM pupils and their peers: at Key Stage 4 33%
- SEN/Non SEN gap achieving 5 A* - C GCSEs 48.4%
- 16-18 year olds not in Education, training or employment 6.4%
- Stability of placements for Looked After Children 55%
- Children becoming subject of a Child Protection Plan for a second time 7%
- First time entrants to the Youth Justice System 254
- Young people's participation in positive activities New
- Use of Public Libraries New
- Schools participating in National Healthy Schools Standards 100%

Contributes to this

SERVICE OBJECTIVES

'A Leading Edge authority', through:-

- Provide a universal offer of services for children and families in the Borough
- Provide swift and easy access to targeted services appropriate to need
- Improve opportunities for vulnerable groups and narrow the gap across the every child matters outcomes

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- Secondary half days missed due to unauthorised absences 1.8%
- Secondary school persistent absence rate 7.5%
- Primary half days missed due to unauthorised absences 0.35%
- 16-18 year olds not in Education, training or employment 6.4%
- Number of Extended Schools 32
- Young people's participation in positive activities New
- Use of Public Libraries New
- Schools participating in National Healthy Schools Standards 100%
- Parental representation on Children's Centre Boards 100%
- Take up of formal childcare by low-income working families New

Doing this improves this

SERVICE ACTIONS

- Capture range of data/information sources to inform planning in partnership development and to measure impact
- Work with partner organisations to develop and implement integrated working across localities/clusters and thereby implement agreed locality working strategy
- Development and implementation of targeted services informed by CAF roll out to enable gap to be narrowed for vulnerable and hard to reach children and young people
- Implement comprehensive parenting strategy for 0 - 19 years
- Develop cohesive strategy to ensure effective communication, consultation, involvement and engagement of all partners and service users
- Develop comprehensive offer of childcare, recreation and enrichment opportunities for 0 - 19 years to ensure services are available where and when families need them
- Promoting positive health and well-being
- Continue to improve levels of school attendance and decrease the number of persistent absentees
- Support the development of the Children's Trust

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