



Children and Young People's Issues

Briefing note for the Equalities Panel, 17 November 2014

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1.0 Background

- 1.1 At the last meeting of the Equalities Panel, members of the Panel asked for children and young people's issues to be included as agenda item at a future meeting. Members of the Panel were keen to consider the impact of recent changes to the City Council's Children and Young People's Participation Service (ChYPPS). They were also keen to look beyond City Council services at the range of services provided by other public and voluntary organisations for children and young people, and how issues affecting children and young people are being addressed within Cambridge.
- 1.2 The Diversity Forum will be meeting earlier on 17 November and will explore the theme of life for children and young people in the City in depth. Members of the Forum will be asked to explore services available for young people in Cambridge and consider the issues facing young people at key stages. Participants in the Forum meeting will include the City Council's Children and Young People's Participation Service, Cambridgeshire County Council, and voluntary organisations such as Romsey Mill and Centre 33. Members of the Panel are also invited to attend the Diversity Forum meeting and engage in the discussions.

2.0 Questions for the Panel to consider

- 2.1 As with previous Panel meetings, the speakers from the Diversity Forum event will attend the Equalities Panel, and will highlight the key issues raised in the Forum discussion. There will then be an opportunity for members of the Panel to consider and respond to the issues identified by participants in the Diversity Forum.