

## EXECUTIVE MEMBER REPORT TO COUNCIL 30 March 2016

### Behaviour Partnership

1. A Behaviour Partnership Manager is now in post. She will lead the work of the Behaviour Partnership in the town working on behalf of all Middlesbrough schools in developing new education pathways for pupils who need alternative education provision. The Behaviour Partnership is a workstream of the Middlesbrough Achievement Partnership.

### Community Learning Service

2. Great OFSTED result for the Community Learning Service!
3. Community Learning was inspected at the end of January this year with a team of five inspectors for a full week.
4. Two aspects of the Service was judged 'Outstanding', Leadership & Management and Personal Development behaviour and welfare.
5. Everything else was judged as Good.
6. Quotes from the published report:

"Through strong partnership, effective collaboration and a well-structured review of local and regional priorities, Middlesbrough Council have constructed a flexible curriculum that meets the needs and interests of local communities and individuals extremely well".

"Community Learning senior managers and staff communicate a powerful ethos of community improvement through learning. It permeates everything they do, and because of this they encourage Middlesbrough residents to see learning as central to improving their lives and to 'be part of it'. There is a vibrancy evident in partnership management meetings that emphasises their commitment and zest for improving people's lives. Consequently, aspirations and expectations for all learners, regardless of their background or their previous achievements, are high".

"Nearly two thirds of the learners at MCL participate in non-accredited classes designed to improve their personal development. The success rates on these courses are excellent. Many learners experience a 'lifechanging' impact. All learners and apprentices demonstrate positive attitudes to learning and take immense pride in their achievements. For example, retired adult learners on an IT course explained proudly that they could now use a computer to search effectively for information on the internet".

## **National Literacy Trust (NLT)**

7. The work of the NLT Literacy Hub and BLISS/Neonates at James Cook University Hospital has been shortlisted for the annual Third Sector Awards (Charity Partnership – Public Sector category). The Third Sector Awards are leading prizes for the charity sector and are hotly contested, so getting shortlisted is a fantastic endorsement and recognition of the quality of the work that has been undertaken. There are only 2 shortlists per category.

<http://www.businesscharityawards.com/shortlist-2016/>

8. The Literacy Hub Manager and the Northern BLISS Regional Co-ordinator have worked in partnership to develop a welcome pack to include guidance to parents on the importance of babies in the unit hearing their parents and family member voices and the value of sharing stories with babies from the earliest stages. The packs include a gift book for each family. A parents and older siblings library has been established in the coffee lounge within the unit. The Head of Nursing is committed to driving forward on communicating to families the importance of literacy and is keen to work in partnership with the literacy hub to ensure staff contribute to the consistent messaging to families about literacy.

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