

**CHILDREN AND LEARNING SCRUTINY PANEL  
CHILD POVERTY, DEPRIVATION AND ATTAINMENT – ACTION PLAN**

**03 DECEMBER 2013**

SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATION	PROPOSED ACTION	BY WHOM	BUDGET COST	TIMESCALE
<p>1. That Middlesbrough Council's work in partnership with local health services, public services and the voluntary sector to put prevention in early life at the heart of service delivery and practice is continued and that, with particular regard to measures relating to deprivation and its impact on attainment:</p> <p>a. That the Middlesbrough Child Poverty Strategy and the Children and Young People's Plan 2011-14 are updated to reflect the change of National government in 2010 as well as the fact that targets included in the Child Poverty Act 2010 are unlikely to be met.</p> <p>b. That mechanisms that are in place to measure and evaluate the impact of interventions relating to deprivation and attainment, and to take corrective action as necessary, are reviewed to ensure that they work at maximum effect.</p>	<p>Early help to continue to be a key strand of work by Middlesbrough Achievement Partnership (MAP) and the Children &amp; Young People's Trust.</p> <p>Child Poverty Strategy to be updated. CYPP will expire in 2014; this will be replaced by action plans for the Health &amp; Wellbeing Delivery Partnership for Children &amp; Young People.</p> <p>Head Teachers are responsible for reviewing the impact of measures, and must publish a statement on how Pupil Premium is used. LA will measure effectiveness using data scorecard which includes performance of pupils from deprived areas. MAP to discuss corrective actions.</p>	<p>Julie Cordiner, AD School Partnerships</p> <p>Richenda Broad</p> <p>Head Teachers</p> <p>Julie Cordiner</p> <p>MAP</p>	<p>Officer time</p> <p>Officer time</p> <p>School resources</p> <p>Officer time</p>	<p>Nov 2013 to Mar 2015</p> <p>January 2014</p> <p>2013/14 Academic year December 2013 By March 2014</p>
<p>2. That an appraisal is undertaken in respect of the Save the Children UK</p>	<p>This would require additional capacity to evaluate the results.</p>		<p>Additional capacity</p>	<p>To be discussed</p>

**APPENDIX D**

<p>Families and Schools Together (FAST) project and its involvement in the CANparent scheme locally and the possibility of expansion of the FAST project in Middlesbrough is explored.</p>	<p>Schools involved in the project will be asked via MAP to carry out an appraisal and provide evidence to the LA of the impact. Financial appraisal required and funding sources identified before a decision can be taken to expand the FAST project.</p>	<p>Julie Cordiner  Julie Mogridge, Accountancy Team Leader</p>	<p>needed for evaluation – budget pressure</p>	
<p>3. That continued liaison is undertaken with schools in respect of the most effective future use of the Pupil Premium, in particular to ensure that appropriate interventions are made at the earliest opportunity. This should include involving Middlesbrough Achievement Partnership in identifying and sharing among schools examples of best practice regarding the use of the Pupil Premium, as well as by assisting and supporting schools prior to OFSTED inspections, for example by arranging mock inspections.</p>	<p>MAP to review school published statements on use of Pupil Premium and compare performance of eligible pupils to identify schools where it has had a positive impact.</p> <p>Primary and Secondary Admin Forums to be asked to identify and share best practice.</p> <p>The LA does not have adviser capacity to undertake mock inspections – service is supporting school-led improvement to enable better sharing of good practice.</p>	<p>MAP  Primary &amp; Secondary Admin Forums</p>	<p>Officer time  Bursar time</p>	<p>Jan – March 2014  Jan – March 2014</p>
<p>4. That Middlesbrough Council’s Wellbeing, Care and Learning Department undertakes an exercise to identify examples of best practice among other local authorities in respect of measures to address child poverty and deprivation. This should ascertain whether any schemes or initiatives successfully tried elsewhere could be beneficial to Middlesbrough.</p>	<p>Middlesbrough has been invited to take part in a “Seaside Challenge” organised by Blackpool Council for LAs with similar challenges, funded by DfE. This will enable sharing of good practice and identification of further initiatives.</p>	<p>Julie Cordiner</p>	<p>DfE funding – amounts to be confirmed</p>	<p>December 2013 – September 2014</p>