

# TORBAY COUNCIL

## Child Friendly Torbay (CFT) Update as of 20/04/2022

### Early Help

- The plan is to continue with '15 in 15' (15 services/activities available within 15 minutes walking distance from planned hub venues). We are currently in the process of mapping available services/activities and will map these on Power BI to produce an interactive map covering each hub area in all 3 towns.
  - This will include health services, social activities, green spaces, extra-curricular activities etc.
  - CFT initiative is fully embedded with the Early Help plan.
- **Attendees: Vikki McGeough – Safer Communities, Rev Nathan and Giles Fearnley (Lay chair) – Torbay United, Mark – Sound Communities, Tanny – Play Torbay, Sue Ford – Public Health, Kirsty Parker-Calland – Sports and Events, Shaun Evans – Early Help.**
- **Update: First 3 being drafted on Power BI – Dave Balfe. Next meeting in 2 weeks.**
- **Aim: Have interactive maps across the Bay to be able to have a visual reference of where services are.....then to address the gaps!**

### Corporate Parenting

- Mapping exercise undertaken, currently working on improving Children and Young People (CYP) participation and the creation of a CYP panel.
  - Readiness for work was identified as a priority/want for young people – currently improving links with employers, CV writing, interview techniques etc. through the Great Western Railway (GWR) **£49k** work experience project and additional funding for an apprenticeship programme through Cross Country Rail **£32k** has been secured. This will start in May.
  - Cllr Law organised a meeting with Jacqueline Phare and Insp. Ian Stevens regarding potential of apprenticeships/work experience opportunities. Jacqueline agreed to link CFT with the apprenticeship scheme within NHS and Insp. Ian Stevens agreed to discuss further opportunities for young people to engage with the Police to encourage raising aspiration and seeing policing (all aspects) as a potential employment option going forward.
  - Have made contact with Jo Sandbrook (HR) to discuss our internal policy and arrangements.
- **Virtual collective: Becky Thompson, Rachel Setter, Annette Solomon, Me, Imagine Torbay Multicultural Group (now HR and Swisco) – Cllr Law and Cllr Steve Darling also Ambassadors.**
- **Update: Met with HR and SWISCO to explore work experience and apprenticeships.**
- **Aim: Improve access to employment opportunities for care experienced and children in care etc. and to raise aspiration/prevent gap between education and the next step. Ensure we alongside others have considered trauma-informed and non-discriminatory policies and processes.**

### Ambassador Programme

- Awaiting work on the 'branding' to be agreed to be able to formally promote the initiative.

## **Where I live**

- Simon Sherbersky confirmed that Torbay Community Development Trust (TCDT) did not have the capacity to lead on this piece of work. It has been agreed to pick this up as part of the Early Help group, part of the Corporate Parenting group, part of the Local Motion piece of work, Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) and for Children's Services to lead on the points raised by Children and Young People in the 2018 consultation.
- The plan is for the Imagine This! partnership to also assist with asking young people to help design/chose a logo for the initiative.
- Sarah Pengelly is due to meet with James Arthur – Imagine This! Coordinator to discuss further.

***Update: Met with James Arthur and agreed to move this agenda forward***

***Aims: To focus on the points raised by Young People in the 2018 survey which is what Imagine This partnership was created to address.***

***We agreed to improve communication, improve YP involvement, celebrate successes and to work collaboratively – starting with the young people on the Kickstarter programme, the Imagine This festival, HAF and YP engagement.***

## **Exploitation**

- Additional section of the regular Children & Young People Expert Group (CYPEG) meetings to discuss CFT elements.
- Raising awareness: A scoping exercise has been completed – training that had been delivered to hospitality and taxis was deemed outdated (2017). Katie and Shelley are reviewing current website content and the plan is to use the relaunch of Best Bar None as an outlet, and the existing directories through licencing, food team etc. Need to link in with Sports providers as well as hospitality, ENTE, Taxi's etc. – Train the trainer focus.
- Safer spaces: Discussions have taken place regarding potential existing locations and the planned family hubs could be included in these spaces. Ian Stevens is awaiting a response from Leeds to learn more about their work.

***Attendees: Insp Ian Stevens, Susie Colley – Torquay Chamber of Commerce, Carolyn Custerson, Sharon Walters, Vikki McGeough, Sandra Arthurs, Katie Buckley, Beccy Wells.***

## **Future Planning**

- Plan to link in with the Torbay Story.
- Develop a webpage on the council site and to work on/create literature for the initiative.
- Have an agreement in place with all strategy holders to a) see whether CYP have been considered b) whether there are accessible versions for CYP c) whether they have been involved where possible/needed – links with SEND improvement journey also.

## **Challenges:**

- ***This is an initiative and not a project (no clear end date, outcomes etc.)***
- ***There are no additional resources or allocated time in already busy schedules for those involved***
- ***There is no 'ownership' of the initiative – it doesn't 'sit' anywhere in particular i.e. Council, Torbay Together etc.***

Sarah Pengelly, Project Manager HAF (Holiday, Activities and Food Programme)

Updated with notes for the meeting 02/05/2022