



The Trust Board

**Agenda
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1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1. The Bromley Children and Young People Trust Board is asked to consider:
 - 1.1.a) Whether to hold the annual Trust Forum
 - 1.1.b) The format, and the themes and topics for the annual Trust Forum

The Bromley Children and Young People Trust is a partnership of the following organisations:

Bromley College of Further and Higher Education | Bromley Mytime | Bromley Safeguarding Children Board
Children and Families Voluntary Sector Forum | Connexions South London Sub Regional Unit | Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership
Jobcentre Plus | London Borough of Bromley | London Probation Trust | Metropolitan Police Service (Bromley) | NHS Bromley | Orpington College
Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust | Primary and Special Schools | Secondary Schools | South London Healthcare NHS Trust

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2. SUMMARY

- 2.1. This report sets out proposals for next year's Trust Forum. Given the pressures on service budgets, the possibility of postponing the event and/or holding it on alternate years is raised.
- 2.2. Themes for the event are suggested along with the format for the day.

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1. The third annual Forum of the Trust partnership was held on Tuesday 23 March 2010 at the Education Development Centre. The Trust Forum brought Elected Members, Head Teachers, senior managers in Bromley and partner agencies together with parents and carers, and young people to discuss issues of current importance, contributing to the development of service provision for children and young people. The Trust Board have previously considered a report evaluating the event.
- 3.2. The Trust Forum is scheduled for Tuesday 22 March 2011 and the Education Development Centre has been reserved. In previous years costs in relation to the event have been covered from within the Council's CYP budgets. For the 2011 event an appropriate budget is still to be identified. Given the likelihood that budgets and resources will be under severe pressure, the Trust Board may wish to consider postponing the event and/or holding it on alternate years.
- 3.3. If it is decided to continue with the annual Trust Forum, and being mindful of the need to keep costs down, it is suggested that the Trust Board consider reverting to a half day event without lunch. With an estimated attendance of 100, this would save around £650. A budget for running the event should be identified. This would be to cover accommodation and administration costs. It is suggested that each agency is asked to contribute to a pooled budget.
- 3.4. Regarding the overall theme and the topics for workshops, the proposed priorities for the Children and Young People's Plan 2011-14 could form the basis for some or all of the workshops. The proposed priorities are:
 - Attainment and achievement for all, with a focus on narrowing the gap between vulnerable groups and their peers.
 - Ensuring the health and wellbeing of children, young people and their families , with a focus on emotional health
 - Keeping children safe
 - Promoting positive behaviour of children and young people
 - Supporting young people through transition to adulthood
- 3.5. The Trust Board may want to suggest alternate themes but once these are decided, a draft programme will be developed for consideration by the Trust Board.