



Title of paper:	Youth Cabinet research	
Report to:	Children's Partnership Board	
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Relevant Director:	Ian Curryer	Wards affected: All
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Relevant Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) objectives(s):		
Stronger safeguarding – With a key focus on ensuring that there are high standards of safeguarding across all agencies and that the Partnership takes a pro-active approach to the elimination of domestic violence.		
Healthy living – With a key focus on increasing the proportion of children and young people who have a healthy weight.		x
Reducing substance misuse – Partnership work to lessen the impact on children of parental drug and alcohol misuse and to reduce drug and alcohol misuse amongst children and young people.		
Raising attainment – Raising the attainment levels and increasing engagement in employment, education and training.		
Improving attendance – Improving rates of attendance at both Primary and Secondary as a key foundation of improving outcomes.		x
Summary of issues (including benefits to customers/service users):		
<p>The Youth Cabinet, on behalf of the Youth Council was asked to lead two pieces of research on behalf of the Children's Partnership Board:</p> <p>a) Research into healthy weight b) Research into school attendance</p> <p>This work is intended to inform future policy development and operational decision making around these challenges and impact on other related issues. The Board is asked to consider the findings of the research and ensure the learning outcomes from the work are utilised to their best value.</p>		
Recommendations:		
1	The Board recognise the findings of the young person-led research into Healthy Weight and Attendance and commit to using the information to inform strategic and operational decision making as appropriate	
2	The Board reflect on the success of the young person-led approach in developing insight into young people's views, and consider other ways in which this could be utilised to the benefit of the Children's Partnership	

1. BACKGROUND AND PROPOSALS

Youth Cabinet work for Children's Partnership Board

The Youth Cabinet is the steering group for youth engagement and participation in the city and represents the Youth Council and other associated forums in strategic partnership decision-making. The Youth Cabinet was asked by the Children's Partnership Board to lead research into young people's views with the intention of providing fresh insight and to propose innovative solutions for two Children and Young People's Plan strategic priorities, healthy weight and improving school attendance. These are the findings from the research undertaken.

a) Research into Healthy Weight

See presentation of outcome findings and methodology

b) Research into school attendance

See presentation of outcome findings and methodology

2. RISKS

None identified

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None identified

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None identified

5. CLIENT GROUP

All city children and young people and their parents and carers

6. IMPACT ON EQUALITIES ISSUES

None identified

7. OUTCOMES AND PRIORITIES AFFECTED

Healthy living – With a key focus on increasing the proportion of children and young people who have a healthy weight.

Improving attendance – Improving rates of attendance at both Primary and Secondary levels as a key foundation of improving outcomes.

8. CONTACT DETAILS

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