

6 July 2023

**Update of the Starting Well  
Partnership**

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**Report of John Pearce, Chair of the Starting Well Partnership, and  
Corporate Director of Children and Young People's Services**

**Purpose of the Report**

- 1 To update Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the work of the Starting Well Partnership.

**Background**

- 2 A presentation accompanying this report covers:
  - (a) What the partnership does and who is part of it
  - (b) Updates from the previous annual presentation.
  - (c) Projects and programmes delivered in 2022/23
  - (d) Partnership priorities for 2023/2024
  - (e) Ongoing projects and programmes
  - (f) Overview of the challenges faced within the Partnership

**Conclusion**

- 3 The Starting Well Partnership brings together colleagues across key agencies in County Durham to focus on working together to improve outcomes for children and young people. The differentiated meetings allow for discussion of the individual projects overseen to ensure delivery of the Growing up in County Durham strategy as well as providing strategic discussion about partnership issues to support a whole system approach to improvement.

**Recommendations**

- 4 Committee is recommended to:

(a) Note and comment on the content of the presentation.

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## **Appendix 1: Implications**

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### **Legal Implications**

There are no direct legal implications relating to this presentation or report.

### **Finance**

This report or presentation do not have any direct financial implications.

### **Consultation**

Whilst there has been no consultation undertaken to produce this report or associated presentation, individual projects and work programmes are undertaken in consultation with residents.

### **Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty**

There is no direct impact relating to equality or diversity within this report or presentation. Each project undertakes an Equality and Diversity impact assessment individually.

### **Human Rights**

There are no direct impact relating to human rights within this report or presentation.

### **Crime and Disorder**

There are no crime and disorder considerations relating to this report or presentation. County Durham Constabulary are represented on the Starting Well Partnership.

### **Staffing**

There are no direct staffing implications relating to this report or presentation.

### **Accommodation**

There are no direct accommodation implications relating to this report or presentation.

### **Risk**

Each project has it's own risk and issues log. Risks and issues are reported to each sub-group where appropriate and escalated to the Partnership as required. The Partnership also holds it's own risks and issues log which Partners can add too.

### **Procurement**

There are no direct procurement implications relating to this report or presentation.