

Project Title:	CYMORTH COMMISSIONING		
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Outline of Project

Why are you doing this and what do you expect to achieve?

The project will manage the development of new commissioning arrangements for the Cymorth fund, which is administered by the Children and Young People's [C&YP] Partnership. These arrangements will commission a programme of services that will support the delivery of Cardiff's C&YP Plan 2008-2011. The new programme of services will be put in place from April 2010.

The project will follow an agreed commissioning model in order to:

- Identify the processes and responsible groups which will bring forward a set of service proposals for the new Cymorth programme 2010-11
- Identify the processes and responsible groups for making commissioning decisions that take account of delivery against the Cymorth themes (as specified by Welsh Assembly Government [WAG]) and the 21 priorities set out in the C&YP Plan
- Develop detailed service specifications, focused on improving outcomes for children and young people in Cardiff, for all projects which will be commissioned
- Set in place clear, equitable arrangements for grant making, tendering and procurement, which comply with the Cardiff Commissioning and Funding Framework, Cardiff County Council financial regulations and procurement policy and other relevant national and EU rules
- Establish more robust arrangements with providers for performance management and review
- Ensure stakeholder involvement, including the involvement of children, young people and their families in these processes

The planning structures within the Children and Young People's Partnership will provide the framework for stakeholder involvement, decision-making and review. A Project Action Plan will be developed to support this process, which will be managed by a project team and supported by the Central Unit for Partnership Support [CUPS].

What is the Authority to undertake this project?

Links to Corporate Objectives, Service Area Business Plan, relevant Strategy or Report

Under the Children Act 2004, Cardiff County Council has a statutory responsibility to act as the lead partner to develop and ensure the delivery of a single plan for children and young people. This plan is one of four statutory strategic plans required to be produced in each local authority area of Wales. The first plan, Cardiff C&YP Plan 2008-11, was approved for consideration by Council before submission to WAG in an executive decision M/08035 18 September 2008 minute No 44.

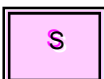
The Cymorth programme is a key element in the delivery of the 21 priorities identified in the C&YP Plan. Cymorth is the children and young people's support fund, made available by WAG. The latest Guidance issued by WAG in December 2008 sets out the criteria for its administration, which is to be managed by the C&YP Partnership. At their meeting on 29 January 2009, the C&YP Partnership Board agreed to move to a commissioning model for Cymorth (Minute 6.1).

Additional Information – (To be developed in the Project Brief)

This could include anticipated sources of funding, costs, resources, known risks, special instructions and timescales

Cymorth funding is a ring-fenced annual grant to the local authority. In Cardiff it amounts to over £6m per year. WAG Guidance (December 2008) specifies that it is to be used to fund projects which will support the delivery of the C&YP Plan, with a focus on prevention and tackling inequality. However, the Guidance also specifies that the fund is intended to cover central support for the work of the C&YP Partnership and for the management, monitoring and evaluation of the use of Cymorth itself.

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The decision of the C&YP Board to move to a new process for commissioning is intended to introduce a number of benefits. It will:

- establish a more transparent process for the use of the Cymorth fund
- ensure that the programme is closely aligned to the priorities identified in the C&YP Plan
- deliver improved, measurable outcomes for children and young people

Agreement to Proceed to Next Stage

Approved by Senior Responsible Officer – Minute Number:		Date of Meeting	
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