



North Tyneside Council

Family Friendly Sub- committee

Wednesday, 8 November 2023

Thursday, 16 November 2023 0.01 Chamber – Quadrant, The Silverlink North,
Cobalt Business Park, North Tyneside, NE27 0BY commencing at 6.00 pm.

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1. **Apologies for Absence**

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2. **Appointment of Substitute Members**

To be notified of the appointment of any Substitute Members.

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Members of the Family Friendly Sub-committee

Councillor Sarah Burtenshaw

Councillor Ian Grayson

Councillor Chris Johnston

Councillor Martin Murphy

Councillor Pat Oliver (Deputy Chair)

Councillor Bruce Pickard

Councillor Sarah Day

Councillor Val Jamieson

Councillor Josephine Mudzingwa

Councillor Rebecca O'Keefe

Councillor Erin Parker-Leonard (Chair)

Councillor Judith Wallace

Rev M Vine – Church Representative

Mr S Fallon – Church Representative

Miss F Burton – Parent Governor Representative

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Family Friendly Sub-committee

Thursday, 7 September 2023

Present: Councillor E Parker-Leonard (Chair)
Councillors V Jamieson, C Johnston, J Mudzingwa,
M Murphy, R O'Keefe, P Oliver, B Pickard, A Spowart
and J Wallace

In attendance:
Miss F Burton – Parent Governor Representative
Rev M Vine – Church Representative

Apologies: Councillors S Burtenshaw and I Grayson

FF5 Appointment of Substitute Members

Pursuant to the Council's Constitution the following substitution was reported:

Councillor A Spowart for Councillor I Grayson

FF6 Declarations of Interest

Councillor M Murphy declared a registerable personal interest in Item 5 – Attendance Strategy, as his wife works for North Tyneside Council in an education role.

FF7 Attendance Strategy

The sub-committee received a presentation in relation to the Attendance Strategy. School attendance had previously been identified by members as an important topic to focus on. It was noted that the Department for Education had issued guidance *Working together to improve school attendance*. The guidance focuses on managing attendance by:

- Preventing patterns of absence from developing by promoting good attendance

- Intervening early by using data to spot patterns of absence before they become persistent and working with families to remove the barriers to attendance
- Targeting support for persistent and severe absentees with all local partners working together to reengage pupils

A North Tyneside Attendance Strategy was currently being drafted, which involved consultation with a range of stakeholders.

In relation to attendance in North Tyneside schools, it was noted that there was an increase in emotionally based school non-attendance and term time holidays. It was noted that the transition between school phases, i.e. first to middle, middle to high, could trigger school attendance issues and that fixed term and permanent exclusions was also a factor in non-attendance figures.

It was highlighted that to deliver the Authorities vision of *'making North Tyneside an even greater place for children and young people to thrive; where all can access a high-class education with a culture of inclusion and achievement'*, children and young people need to engage with the learning process. Key features of the policy would include: clarity of roles and responsibilities; effective school attendance improvement and management; and development of an approach to emotionally based school non-attendance.

In relation to roles and responsibilities, it was highlighted that the Local Authority, Schools, All Trustees and Governors, Parents and Pupils have a role to play in improving school attendance. Consultation with Headteachers in relation to the strategy was ongoing and an attendance delivery group and strategic group would be established. It was noted that the strategy would go to Cabinet for approval and the sub-committee had the opportunity to comment on the proposed strategy.

The following points were raised by members:

- The sub-committee recognises the importance of excellent school attendance and welcomes the introduction of the strategy;
- The sub-committee noted that fixed term exclusions have gone up and that work should be done with schools, both Headteachers and governors, to develop a detailed approach to try and reduce enforced absence;

- It was noted that some schools will have a better rate of attendance than others and that some schools will need a higher level of support. Whilst there will be an overall strategy that covers all schools, the sub-committee feel it is important for there to be some bespoke support on offer for schools with the most challenging attendance problems;
- The strategy should encourage schools to embed improving attendance into the school improvement journey;
- In monitoring the impact of the strategy, the view of families impacted should be included

It was suggested that the comments above be sent to the Cabinet for Education, Inclusion, Employment and Skills for consideration when finalising the strategy.

It was **agreed** to note the presentation.

FF8 Youth Justice Plan

The Committee received an update on the North Tyneside Youth Justice Plan. The Youth Justice Service sits within the wider Children, Young People and Learning Directorate within the Local Authority.

It was noted that local authorities have a statutory duty to submit an annual youth justice plan relating to their provision of youth justice services. The plan should address the functions assigned to a youth justice service, including how services will prevent offending behaviour and reduce reoffending.

The sub-committee was invited to discuss the priorities in the plan and how they reflect what members know from their communities.

It was noted that the five key strategic priorities are as follows:

1. All children will have access to appropriate health and wellbeing services at the right time;
2. Develop and deliver a Serious youth violence strategy and plan;
3. Further development of prevention into the pathway;
4. Every young person will have access to appropriate ETE that meets their

needs; and

5. A comprehensive and consistent service will be available to all victims

The committee was informed that the services delivered by youth justice take a holistic approach and include the child and the parent throughout the process. Youth justice provision is multi-agency, involving police, social workers and education. The service undertakes a comprehensive assessment on every child. The youth justice service recognises that children are firstly children and secondly that a child has offended. It was also recognised that change is only possible by working with families.

It was noted that the Youth Justice Plan is aligned to the our North Tyneside Plan, with a focus on “A Family Friendly and a Caring North Tyneside”. The Plan and objectives are also identified and aligned to the overall objectives of the Community Safety Partnership draft plan.

It was highlighted that the youth justice service has a higher rate of children with SEND than that of the general population and that this is also reflected nationally. The service is supported by a speech and language therapist and clinical psychologist and works closely with the SEND team.

Members raised concerns in relation to organised crime and the targeting of vulnerable young people. It was noted that the potential for criminal exploitation is recognised and that there is a bespoke service to target those on the cusp of being exploited. This work is integrated into the youth offending team. The team continues to work in an imaginative and bespoke way in order to develop and maintain meaningful relationships with service users. It was recognised that persistence is key in finding ways to engage people.

The Committee highlighted the importance of the role of the community and voluntary sector in delivering and supporting services relating to youth justice.

It was **agreed** to note the information presented.

At the beginning of the municipal year, the sub-committee identified SEND as an important area for Members to look at.

Performance measures were circulated to the sub-committee and an opportunity was provided to ask questions in relation to this data.

This related to resources and process relating to EHCPs. Officers were in attendance to answer questions raised by members of the sub-committee.

It was **agreed** to note the information.

FF10 Work Programme 2023/24

The Chair informed Members that the items due for consideration at the next meeting of the sub-committee were the Children and Young People Plan and 14-19 skills post lockdown.

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Meeting: Family Friendly Sub-Committee

Date: 16 November 2023

Title: Children and Young People Plan (refresh) 2023 - 2025

Author: Kirsty Parsons, Senior Manager Strategy and Transformation

Service: Children and Young People's learning

Wards affected: All

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek comments and input from the committee to shape the initial proposal of the priorities set out within the refresh of the children and young people's plan 2023-2025.
- 1.1.2 The Children and Young People's Plan 2023-2025 refresh, sets out the strategic framework and partnership priorities to ensure that all children in North Tyneside can achieve their full potential.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that committee members

- (1) Consider the proposals for the refresh of Children and Young People's Plan 2023 - 2025 in terms of the priorities and note that following this, consultation with young people is planned to commence as part of next steps to further shape and inform the priorities.
- (2) Note the final version of refreshed Plan will be submitted to Cabinet for approval in accordance with the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules contained in the Authority's Constitution.

3. Information

- 3.1 The 2021–2025 plan is the third Children and Young People’s Plan that the partnership has produced, this plan, to date and the previous Children and Young People’s Plan 2014–2018, has underpinned the delivery of key success and significant service developments and improvements.
- 3.2 A refresh of the plan (2023 – 2025) and its strategic partnership framework and priorities has commenced in light of the impact of covid on children, young people and families to ensure that all children in North Tyneside are able to achieve their full potential.
- 3.3 A new plan Children and Young People’s plan will be developed in 2025 to align with the priorities in the our North Tyneside Plan and Equally Well strategy.
- 3.4 The North Tyneside Children and Young People’s Plan (refresh) 2023–2025 is developed and owned by the Children and Young People’s Partnership. The partnership brings together public, voluntary and community sector organisations to improve the lives of the borough’s children and young people.
- 3.5 The Children and Young People’s Plan is a key mechanism by which we deliver the objectives linked to ‘A family–friendly North Tyneside’ and ‘A caring North Tyneside’.
- 3.6 The Children and Young People’s Plan focuses on delivering improved outcomes for all children and young people up to the age of 19 years, and those young people aged up to 25 years who are care leavers, have special educational needs or a disability and live in the borough. It also acts as the Child Poverty Strategy for North Tyneside.
- 3.7 The Children and Young People’s plan sets out our collective vision for children and young people in North Tyneside of: *“Making North Tyneside an even greater place for children and young people to thrive; where all, including those who are vulnerable, disadvantaged*

or disabled, are ready for school, ready for work and life, cared for and supported.”

- 3.8 As a partnership we will collectively focus on priority themes that children, young people and their families tell us matter most to them – *ensuring that all children and young people are safe, happy, healthy and able to achieve in North Tyneside.*
- 3.9 These key themes will be driven and supported through our ambition to tackle inequalities by giving every child the best start in life and maximising capabilities, as well as being underpinned through our embedded prevention and early help approach. Our work will always be shaped and challenged by listening to the voice of our children and young people.
- 3.10 As a partnership we have a huge amount of data and intelligence about Children, Young People, their families and carers across North Tyneside. When this is all viewed together, we have a very detailed overview of strengths and challenges facing people living in our communities. Our foremost priority is to ensure we keep children and young people safe from harm, but this must be supported by helping them to remain happy, healthy, receive a high-quality education in an environment of support and encouragement.
- 3.11 Despite the many significant achievements that the Authority has delivered in recent years, there remain many challenges that the Authority continues to be focused on. Alongside the changing need and demand, including the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Authority’s understanding of its challenges and what is important to children and young people have informed the priorities and actions set out in the refreshed plan to meet those different needs and help all children and young people thrive.
- 3.12 As a partnership we will develop an action plan to deliver against the themes and focus on evidencing the outcomes achieved for Children

and Young People in North Tyneside. Our multi-agency action plan will ensure a joined-up approach to achieve our vision and will be reviewed regularly and progress reported through our partnership.

4. Background Information

4.1 The following background papers/information have been used in the compilation of this report:

- (1) [2021–2025 North Tyneside Children and Young People’s Plan](#)
- (2) [2020–24 Our North Tyneside Plan](#)
- (3) [North Tyneside Council Constitution: Part 4.7 Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules](#)
- (4) [The Children and Young People’s Plan \(England\) Regulations 2005](#)

5. Appendices

N/A

Meeting: Family Friendly Sub-Committee

Date: 16 November 2023

Title: Post-16 Skills Provision

Author: Mark Barratt, Senior Manager –
Employment and Skills

Service: Children and Young People’s
Learning

Wards affected: All

1. Purpose of Report

To introduce a presentation on Post 16 Skills Provision available across the Borough of North Tyneside.

2. Recommendations

Members of the Sub Committee members will be asked to note the contents of the presentation.

3. Information

As part of its work programme, the Family Friendly Sub-committee identified skills provision available to young people as an important area to focus on. The Committee will receive a presentation which will cover an overview of the progression pathways available to young people including different types of skills provision, examples of the support and organisations delivering this support across the Borough of North Tyneside.

The presentation will also cover potential gaps in provision and the actions that are taken to address these gaps to ensure that a comprehensive Post 16 Skills offer is available.

Members of the sub-committee will be invited to make comment on the content of presentation.

4. Appendices

Post 16 Skills Provision Presentation.

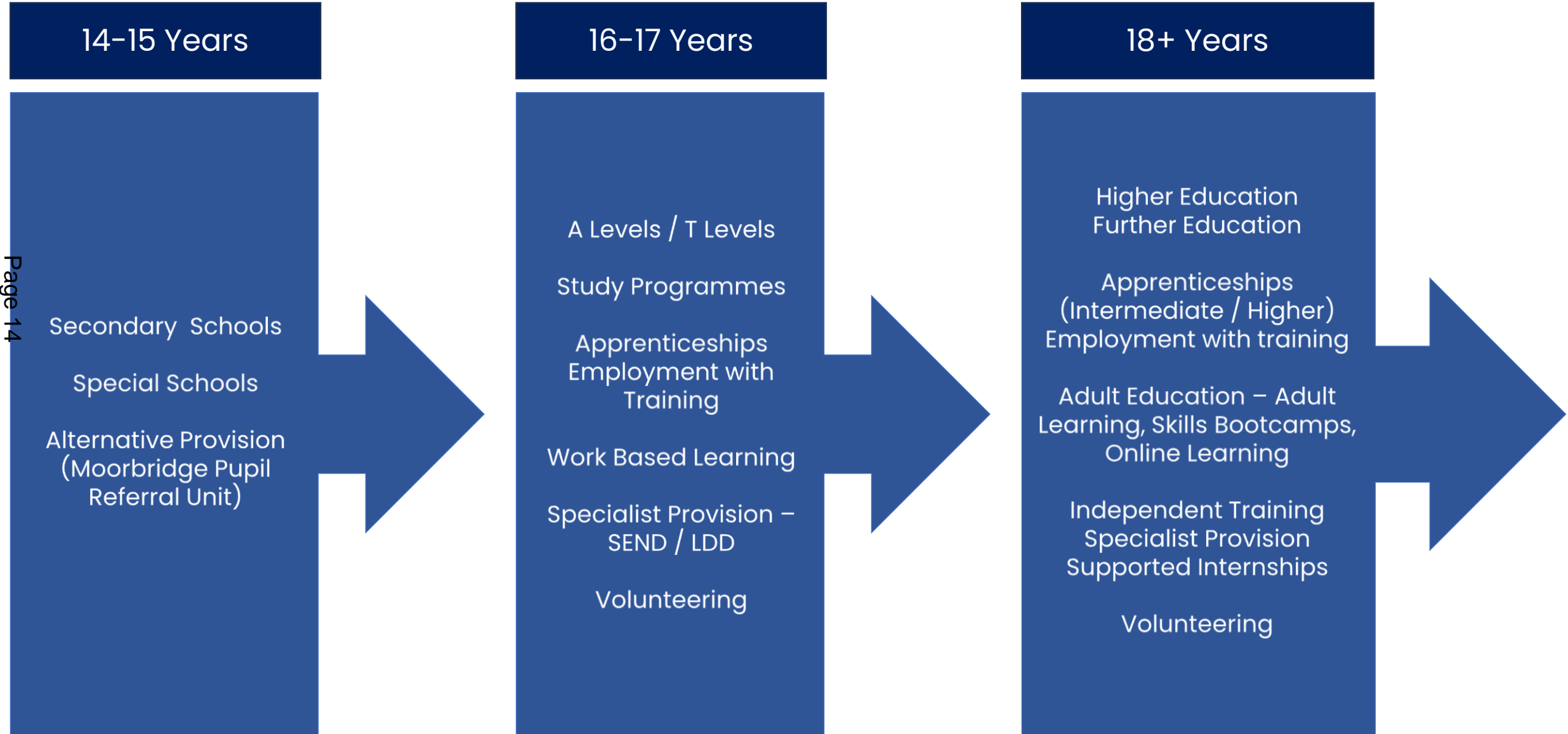


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Post 16 Skills Provision

Presentation to Family Friendly Sub Committee
16th November 2023

Progression Pathways



School Leavers Activity Survey 2022

• Sixth Form	890
○ Whitley Bay	288
• Further Education	1125
○ Newcastle College	663
○ Tyne Met College	366
○ Gateshead College	40
○ Kirkley Hall	21
• Employment with Training	147
• NEET	42

Further and Higher Education

- A levels
- T- Levels
- Vocational Courses
- Foundation Learning
- Specialist Colleges
- Higher Education
- Online Learning

Work Based Learning

- Study Programmes
- Apprenticeships
- Supported Internships

Training Provision in North Tyneside

- Working Roots
- Ignite your Potential
- Phoenix Detached Youth Project (PDYP)
- Barnardo's ETSN
- Northumbria Youth Action (NYA)
- Tyne North Training
- TDR
- Meadowwell Connected

Local Training Provision outside North Tyneside

- NACRO
- BL Hair
- Resources NE
- Learning Curve
- Winnovation
- Military Preparation College Training

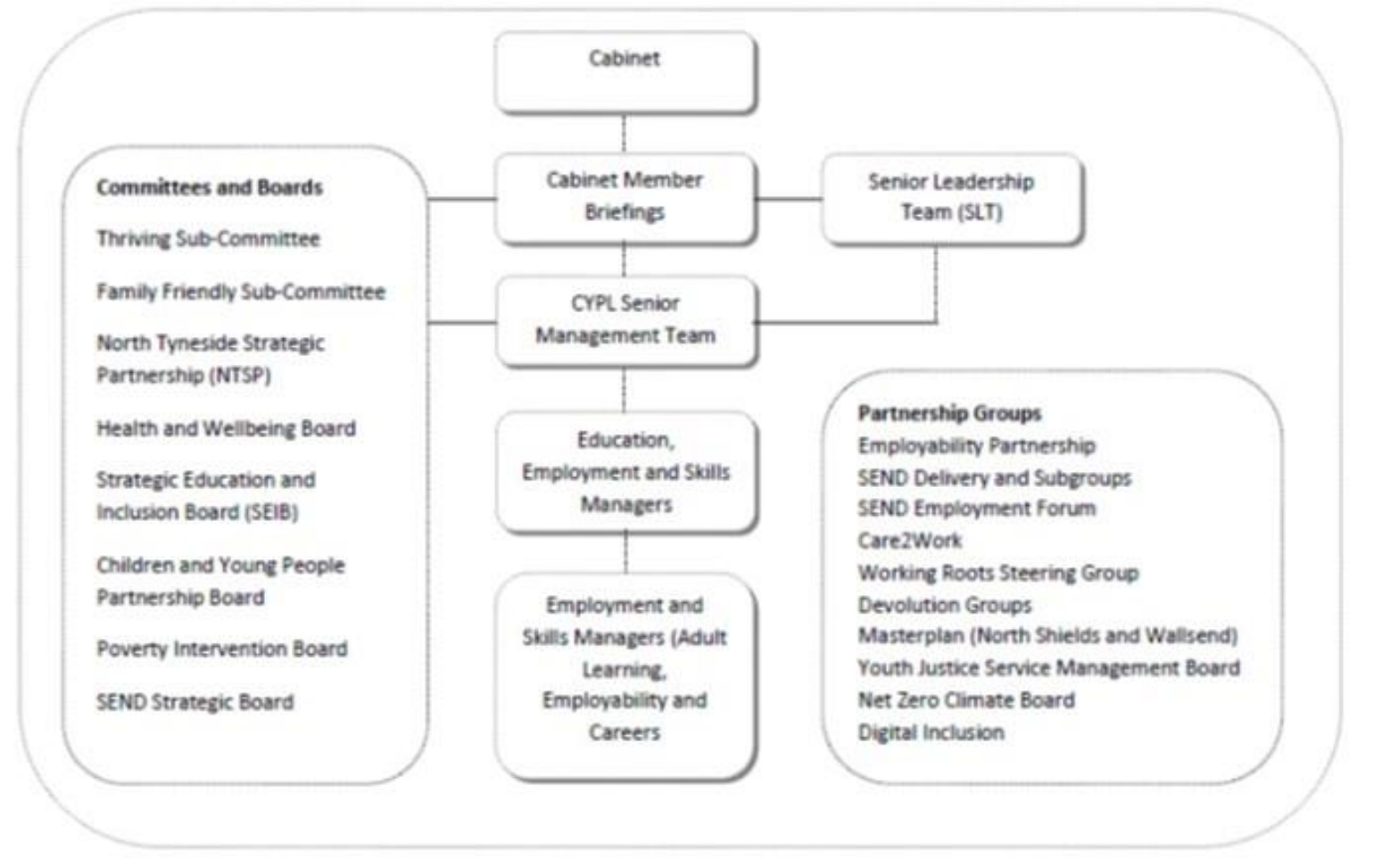
Voluntary / Personal Development / Reengagement

- Working Well Hub
- Phoenix Detached Youth Project (including Helping Hands)
- DiscoverMe
- Nudge
- VODA
- Prince's Trust
- Journey NE

Gaps in Provision

- Social Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH)
- Autism spectrum disorder (ASD)
- Social Isolation / Engagement / Personal Development
- Skills Shortages –
 - Social Care
 - Early Years
 - Teaching
 - Hospitality and Catering

Governance



Groups and Forums

- North Tyneside SEND Young People Forum
- North Tyneside Parent / Carer SEND Forum
- Autism and Friendship Group
- NE Youth Project Disability Youth Transition
- True Colours Theatre
- Liberdale Performing Arts
- Sparcs
- Beacon Films
- The Cedarwood Trust
- Tuesday Club

Examples of New Provision

- Preparing for your Future (Barnardos)
- Ignite your Potential – SEMH
- Ignite your Potential – Care Leavers
- Supported Internships (NDTi Project)
- Supported Internships (DfE Pilot)
- Get into Courses – Greggs, Tynemouth Castle Inn, Smulders
- Cobalt Education to Employment Programme
- North Tyneside Council – Work Placements – SEND / Care Leavers
- North Tyneside Council Apprenticeships Programme

Thank You
Any Questions?