

Appendix A

Children and Young People – lead Helen Johnston

2011-12 Business Plan	What we delivered	Impact	RAG
Councils have a strong strategic role in education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Local freedom or central control II' report • Secretary of State for Education session for Lead Members at NACS conference • Event for Lead Members to discuss the interim report of the LGA/DfE action research into the evolving council role in education • Lobbying campaign re concerns about the impact of Government policy on the sector's ability to support Raising the compulsory Participation Age 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set the terms of the debate on the continuing council role in education • Discussion with the Secretary of State re education as a benefit of LGA membership • Lead Members shared best practice, networked with peers and fed into action research • Raised profile of key issues of concern to councils, influenced the drafting of statutory guidance and strengthened the council role in the implementation of the Youth Contract 	A
Councils understand and are implementing their role in reducing youth offending and the use of custody for young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of sector led peer review for Youth Offending Teams • Publication on resettlement of young offenders • Influenced plans for devolution of youth custody budgets to councils 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YJB revised oversight plans are less prescriptive with data collection burdens reduced • Shared good practice • Raised profile with VCSs • Full assessment of costs and impact being carried out by YJB 	A
Front-line staff are freed up from unnecessary bureaucracy to allow them to spend more time with children and their families through influencing the implementation of the Munro review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Influenced revision of two sets of statutory guidance • Lobbied for revisions to Ofsted Inspections • Lobbying on Adoption Action Plan, including Parliamentary briefings and strong messages conveyed through media • Sector led support on Munro and Adoption through CIB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidance shorter and less prescriptive • Current draft of Working Together reduced from c400 to c20 pages • New inspection framework considers contribution of all services not just councils • End to annual rating of children's services • Govt publicly recognised limitation of adoption scorecards and scorecards contain contextual information to reflect councils' challenges 	A
Improvements in children's services are made through delivery of a new sector led improvement and support programme (funded through 8m DfE grant).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure for SLI being set up through CIB • Funding for 2012/13 agreed • Targeted support delivered to 14 councils subject to DfE notices • Programme of peer challenge • Data profiles have been piloted and will be 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All councils have a focus for SLI in children's services • Vote of confidence by Government will help make SLI become reality • Councils on improvement notices have access to advice and support • Peer challenge will allow the sector to help 	A

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> rolled out via LG Inform Support to councils on children's centres, innovation, productivity and commissioning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> itself Data profiles provide common set of data Supported councils in areas of new policy 	
Children's services are provided with improvement support for Children's Safeguarding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24 Safeguarding peer reviews delivered 80 officer and partner peers accredited through national and regional training events Research on the impact of the peer review on a sample of authorities in intervention undertaken by NFER Two consultation events (one with lead members and one with member peers) on refreshing the peer review held with DCSs and officer and partner peers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peer review making a significant contribution to sector led improvement, Improvement in review methodology 100% of DCS's and review teams agreed that the review provided a basis for improvement 94% of DCS's said they would recommend a review to a colleague and be willing to take part in a review themselves 99% of review teams agreed that the review developed their own skills 	G
Children's health is a priority in the planned change to the health service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed a support offer with health sector Delivered conference on 'Reducing Health Inequalities for Children and Young People'. Worked with the National learning set for HWBs to produce a product for health and wellbeing boards Raised the profile of children and young people's health on the Knowledge Hub and created a dedicated webpage on CYP pages. Developed a consultation response on the Children and Young People's Health Outcomes Strategy Commissioned research on Children's Trusts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased buy in from health sector. Well attended and received by membership Existing products now fit for purpose in light of the new public health reforms. Product well received by health and local government sector. Gave membership opportunity to discuss the issues and a place to find help and support. Gave local government an opportunity to influence government policy Local authorities more able to share ideas, clarify policy 	A
Councils achieve increased productivity in children's services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch of a new 'Better commissioning and productivity' group on the Knowledge Hub housing a library of over 80 key resources to support commissioning in children's services. Facilitation of the Commissioning and Productivity Forum bringing together commissioners/providers at a national level. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sector is better able to network and collaborate on productivity 	A

G	Outcome achieved
A	Progress made towards achieving outcome but work still underway
R	Limited progress towards achieving outcome