

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....2nd August 2007

1. Title of Item/Report

Children and Young People's Plan 2007 - 2010

2. Record of the Decision

Members considered a report that presented the Children and Young People's Plan 2007-10. It was explained that the Children and Young People's Plan, 2007-10 had been developed following extensive consultation with partner agencies and organisations, with inputs from children and young people, parents and carers through the course of this last year. It was noted that it was an ongoing process and linked back to the development of the first plan, which covered the period 2006-09. Members were provided with a copy of the plan.

It was explained that the plan was to continue as a three year rolling plan, in that it would be reviewed and updated each year. This meant that some priorities would remain, if they were long-term issues, but some would change, if they had been tackled and resolved within the year. It set the vision and key priorities for the Children's Trust Board and identified key actions to be taken to address these priorities. It was noted that the action plan would be updated and improved each year to reflect changing activities and feedback on how helpful it was.

Members were advised that the range of appendices had not been attached at this stage. They were extensive and the action plan in particular was still being developed following the completion of the review process. These would be made available for information to all members prior to Council's consideration of the plan.

It was explained that The Children's Trust Board, at its meeting on 20th June, 2007 received the draft plan and had recommended its approval to Cabinet and full Council. The Council was the responsible body for signing off the Children and Young People's Plan. It had been submitted to Ofsted as part of the Annual Performance Assessment of Children's Services.

It was noted that The Children's Trust Board was recommending the approval of the plan to all partner organisations and agencies.

Members were advised that the Annual Performance Assessment of children's services formed part of the Children and Young People's Plan and would be available as an appendix to the plan. The assessment was completed and returned to Ofsted on 14th June. Members were advised of the self assessed scores and these were as follows;

Be Healthy		–	3
Stay Safe		–	4
Enjoy and Achieve		–	4
Make a Positive Contribution	–	4	
Achieve Economic Wellbeing		–	4
Service Management		–	4

It was explained that the scoring system was 1-4 with 4 being the top score. 4 represented services which were outstanding and delivering well above minimum requirements for users. 3 represented services which were good and consistently delivering above minimum requirements for users. The score for the Be Healthy outcome was not assessed as a 4 primarily because of the performance on the number of teenage conceptions. Although there had been an improvement in the most recent counting year (2005), the target of a 50% reduction on the baseline figure set in 1998 remained challenging. It was noted that there was oversight of this by Government Office North East and they had commented positively on the present action plan which had been set by the Teenage Pregnancy Partnership to address this.

RECOMMENDED to Council that:-

The Children and Young People's Plan 2007-10 be approved.

3. Reasons for the Decision

Statutory requirement on Children's Services authority in England to prepare and publish a plan setting out the authority's strategy for discharging its functions in relation to children and young people.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

Not Applicable

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Not Applicable

Proper Officer  
06 July 2007