

MINUTE EXTRACT

Cabinet Meeting – 8th October 2015

1. Title of Item/Report

Children and Young People's Plan 2015/18

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report on the Children and Young People's Plan 2015 – 18.

The Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) had been developed by the Children and Young People's Partnership in order to give clear strategic direction to the Council and partner agencies in their work to develop provision and improve outcomes for children and young people in Stockton-on-Tees.

The plan set out the key priorities over the 2015-18 period, how these had been identified, and how progress towards improved outcomes would be monitored. It formed a key part of the Council's agreed policy framework and of the Health & Wellbeing Board's governance framework.

The Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) had been developed by the Children and Young People's Partnership which was established following a review of partnership structures within the overall remit of the Health and Wellbeing Board, as approved by Cabinet in July 2014.

The Children and Young People's Partnership was a multi-agency forum with senior representatives from member organisations. The agreed terms of reference for the Partnership state its aim as follows:-

"The Children & Young People's Partnership ('the Partnership') will provide strategic leadership and support to ensure healthy, happy and safe children and young people who are able to maximise their potential and are protected from harm. It will ensure this for all children and young people; and particularly for the most vulnerable children and young people.

The Partnership will support the vision of the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) and the Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) to protect our children and young people; to improve and protect their health and wellbeing; and to reduce inequality."

The terms of reference for the Partnership included the following objective:

"Produce and monitor the implementation of a Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) and outcomes-based action plan, identifying strategic priorities for children and young people based on a robust assessment of need and evidence-based practice and other key multi-agency strategies e.g. the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2012-18."

Accordingly, the Children & Young People's Plan had been developed by the Partnership as a means of giving clear strategic direction to the work of the Council and partner agencies in the ambition to make Stockton-on-Tees an

excellent place for children and young people to grow up in, particularly those whose circumstances make them more vulnerable to poor outcomes.

The plan had been developed as a reasonably brief, strategic document, focused on providing clarity about the Partnership's priorities, the rationale for these, and the way in which the Partnership would monitor delivery and achievement of actions required to achieve priorities. The plan had taken account of a wide range of evidence, for example: needs assessments; performance data; learning from reviews and inspections; listening to the views of children and young people. It had taken account of discussion with the Stockton-on-Tees Local Safeguarding Children's Board and the Health & Wellbeing Board.

The Children & Young People Partnership would monitor delivery of the CYP and would report on progress in line with the agreed performance frameworks of the Health & Wellbeing Board and Council.

Once the plan was approved, work would take place for the document to be formatted in an appropriate style for publication via the Council's website.

RECOMMENDED to Council that the Children and Young People's Plan 2015 – 18 be approved.