

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

30 SEPTEMBER 2015

REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR, CHILDREN, EDUCATION & SOCIAL CARE

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN 2015-18

SUMMARY

The Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) has 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 sets out key priorities over the 2015-18 period, how these have been identified, and how progress towards improved outcomes will be monitored. It forms a key part of the Council's agreed policy framework and of the Health & Wellbeing Board's governance framework.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board endorse the plan and recommend its approval to the Council.

BACKGROUND

1. The Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) has been developed by the Children and Young People's Partnership which was established in September 2014 following a review of partnership structures within the overall remit of the Health and Wellbeing Board.
2. The Children and Young People's Partnership is 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."

3. The terms of reference for the Partnership include 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."

4. Accordingly, the attached CYPP has been developed by the Partnership as a means of giving clear strategic direction to the work of the Council and partner agencies in our 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.

5. The plan has 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 will monitor delivery and achievement of actions required to achieve priorities. The plan has 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 has been discussed with the Stockton-on-Tees Local Safeguarding Children's Board and will be considered by the Council's Cabinet at its meeting on 8th October 2015, prior to being submitted for approval by full Council at its meeting on 21st October 2015.
6. The Children & Young People Partnership will monitor delivery of the CYPP and will keep the Board informed of progress in line with the Health & Wellbeing Board's agreed performance framework.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8. There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

RISK ASSESSMENT

9. Approval of the recommendations in the report is considered to be low risk.

CONSULTATION

10. The Plan has been the subject of consultation with members of the Children & Young People's Partnership, key officers within partner agencies, and Stockton-on-Tees Local Safeguarding Children's Board.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY IMPLICATIONS

11. The plan is a key component of the children and young people theme in the Sustainable Community Strategy.

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

12. An equalities impact assessment is being prepared.

CORPORATE PARENTING

13. Improving outcomes for looked after children and care leavers is a key priority of the CYPP and will make a significant contribution to delivering the corporate parenting responsibilities of the Council and partner agencies.

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