

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Brighton &amp; Hove's Children &amp; Young People's Plan</b>		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>7 September 2009</b>		
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Director of Children's Services</b>		
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<b>Key Decision</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Forward Plan No. CTB11483</b>	
<b>Wards Affected:</b>	<b>All</b>		

### FOR GENERAL RELEASE

The special circumstances for non-compliance with the Council Procedure Rules, Access to Information Rule 5 and Section 100B (4) of the Local Government Act as amended (items not considered unless the agenda is open to inspection at least five days in advance of the meeting) was that there were delays with the final collating of information and production problems just prior to the final deadline date.

#### 1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 A draft version of Brighton and Hove's second Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) is attached as Appendix 1. Appendix 2 is a short questionnaire to enable Board members to provide feedback about the plan from their respective organisations (by Friday September 18<sup>th</sup> 2009). A final version will be presented for approval to the Board on 2 November 2009.
- 1.2 This is the Children and Young People's Trust Partnership Plan and anticipates legislation to extend the ownership of the CYPP to all statutory partners by placing the duty to produce the CYPP on the Children and Young People's Trust Board. The draft plan is based on extensive consultation with service users, partners and staff. It brings together our shared vision and concerns and, through a set of four strategic improvement priorities, sets out the improvements in outcomes we want to make and how we will achieve them.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board is asked:

- 2.1 To provide written feedback about the draft CYPP from their respective organisations (Appendix 1).
- 2.2 To agree to receive a final CYPP for approval at the next Board meeting on 2 November 2009.

### **3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 3.1 Appendix 1 is the “single overarching strategic plan” required by Children’s Plan Guidance 2009. The fundamental aim of a CYPP is to:  
‘Demonstrate how local services will help to reduce inequality in outcomes between children and young people and their peers and how priorities, identified through the needs assessment and reflected in the Local Area Agreement process will be taken forward through strong partnership working (Guidance paragraph 4.13).
- 3.2 The draft CYPP addresses the requirement in the guidance to demonstrate how improvements in outcomes will be achieved through the integration of services, arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and arrangements for early intervention and preventative action.
- 3.3 The draft CYPP has 4 sections, an overview, a needs analysis, a delivery plan and a statement of resources and performance management arrangements. It sets out four strategic improvement priorities which aim to:
- Strengthen safeguarding and child protection, early intervention and prevention
  - Reduce child poverty and health inequality
  - Promote health and well-being, inclusion and achievement
  - Develop the CYPT partnership and drive integration and value for money
- 3.4 The plan provides a strategic framework for the next stage in the development of the partnership and seeks to anticipate proposed legislative changes which include:
- Extending the Children’s Trust duty to cooperate in making the arrangements under s10 of the Children Act 2004 to maintained schools (and Academies), Sixth Form and Further Education Colleges and Jobcentre Plus;
  - Requiring all areas to have a Children’s Trust Board;
  - Extending the ownership of the CYPP to all statutory partners by placing the duty to produce the CYPP on the Children’s Trust Board
- 3.5 The Government is also considering how best to use the CYPPs to support local action to tackle child poverty and that is addressed in this plan.
- 3.6 The Children and Young People’s Plan is one of the statutory plans identified in the local authority’s constitution which requires the approval of the full council.
- 3.7 Children’s Plan regulations require the local authority to place the plan on their website, send a copy to all members of the Children and Young People’s Trust Partnership and put sufficient copies in public libraries and other local outlets. A communications strategy will be developed to include requesting publication on partner websites including organisations involved in the consultation, providing ‘a child and young person-friendly’ version for each child in care and a ‘parent-friendly’ version.

3.8 The final version of the CYPP will be fully designed and will function as an 'interactive-PDF' allowing on-line readers to access all of the documents referenced in the plan. To facilitate insertion of the necessary links there are a number of footnotes in the draft version which will not appear in the final version.

#### **4. CONSULTATION**

4.1 Section 2 of the CYPP sets out the extensive consultation that has taken place with: children and young people; parents and carers; schools; the community and voluntary sector; and CYPT staff.

4.2. An early draft of the CYPP was considered by a sub group of the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee and their comments have been incorporated.

#### **5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

##### Financial Implications:

5.1 For 2009/10 the pooled budget is £103.234m and a breakdown of this is shown in section 4 of the delivery plan. The costs of the CYPP will need to be contained within this and future years' budgets as they are amended through the normal budget setting process.

*Finance Officer Consulted: Jeff Coates*

*Date: 28/08/2009*

##### Legal Implications:

5.2 Non statutory guidance was published in Jan 2009 setting out the Government's vision and aim to improve the lives of children and young people in the area.

The CYPP is the single, statutory, strategic overarching plan for all services which directly affect children and young people in the area. It is central to the work of the Children's Trust which needs to deliver measurable improvements for all children and young people across all 5 of the Every Child Matters Outcomes.

It sets out a checklist of the necessary steps a Local Authority must take in preparing, consulting, reviewing and publishing their CYPP.

In addition to bringing together previous guidance published in 2005 and 2007 it sets out the proposed legislative changes for 2011.

Following extensive consultation, compliance with the current guidance should ensure that statutory duties are complied with.

*Lawyer Consulted: Farida Amin*

*Date:01/09/2009*

##### Equalities Implications:

5.3 The CYPP is compliant with the policies of the city council and its partners. An Equality Impact Assessment will be attached to the final version of the plan.

Sustainability Implications:

5.4 There are no immediate sustainability implications.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

5.5 The plan addresses issues to do with youth crime and related risky behaviours and the impact of adult behaviour that can undermine effective parenting.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

5.6 The CYPP is underpinned by the CYPT Risk Register which is reported to the Board in the quarterly Performance Improvement Report.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

5.7 Each section of the CYPP addresses corporate and city wide implications.

**6. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S):**

6.1 Publication of a CYPP is a Statutory Requirement.

**7. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

7.1 The Board is required to agree the CYPP. The CYPP is one of the statutory plans identified in the local authority's constitution which requires the approval of the full council.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

**Appendices:**

1. Appendix 1: Draft Children and Young People's Plan – see hard copy
2. Appendix 2: Draft Children and Young People's Plan: feedback from CYPT Board Members

**Documents in Members' Rooms**

None

**Background Documents**

None