

Subject:	Brighton & Hove's Children & Young People's Plan		
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Report of:	Director of Children's Services		
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Key Decision	Yes	Forward Plan No.	
Wards Affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE**1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present a final draft of Brighton and Hove's second Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP – see Appendix 1) for approval.
- 1.2 The draft plan was approved at the November meeting of the Children & Young People's Trust Board and an extract from the proceedings is attached as appendix 2.
- 1.3 This is a plan for the whole Children and Young People's Trust partnership. It is compliant with current guidance and anticipates proposed 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.
- 1.4 The draft CYPP is based on extensive consultation with service users, partners and staff and it supports key priorities in the council's Corporate Plan, NHS Brighton and Hove's Strategic Commissioning Plan and the city's Local Area Agreement.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That Children and Young People's Plan 2009-12 be approved;
- 2.2 That it be noted all partners have agreed to take the Children and Young People's Plan 2009-12 through their respective governance arrangements once the CYPT Partnership has approved the plan;
- 2.3 That the arrangements for publication and distribution as set out in paragraphs 3.6 and 3.7 to the report be agreed.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 The draft CYPP pays close attention to the Children's Plan Guidance 2009 and in particular that:

'A fundamental aim of the 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 (4.13).

3.2 The plan 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 Plan has 3 sections: an overview, a delivery plan and a statement of resources and performance management arrangements. A summary needs analysis is attached as an appendix to the plan. The delivery plan proposes four Strategic Improvement Priorities for the next 3 years. 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 is the strategic framework for the next stage in the development of the partnership and seeks to anticipate proposed legislative changes which include:

- i. 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;
- ii. Requiring all areas to have a Children's Trust Board;
- iii. 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 CYPP regulations require the local authority to place the plan on their website, send a copy to all 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.

3.7 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.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 Section 2 of the draft CYPP summarises the extensive consultation that has taken place with:
- Children and Young People
 - Parents and Carers
 - Schools
 - The Community and Voluntary Sector
 - CYPT staff
- 4.2. The Children's Overview and Scrutiny Committee established a sub-group to consider and comment on an early draft of the plan and received a copy of the version presented to the CYPT Board on the 7th of September 2009. The Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) also contributed to the plan at an early stage through its Spring Conference and discussion at the LSCB Executive Group.
- 4.3. The CYPT Board Meeting on September 7th 2009 agreed to a final period of consultation by partners and responses were received from: NHS Brighton and Hove; Sussex Police; a Councillor; the Hove; the Head Teacher's Steering Group; the 14-19 Partnership (including 6th form colleges); the Parents Forum; and officers from the council and the CYPT.

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 proposed plan. The Partnership Plan 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: 6 .10. 09

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:

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Date:01.09.09

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 The CYPP is compliant with the policies of the city council and its partners. An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) is attached as Appendix 2. The EIA recommends (paragraph 9.1) an annual impact assessment and this will be built into the performance management arrangements for 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 Publication of the CYPP is a statutory duty of the Local Authority. The local authority CYPT Board is the senior forum for the discussion of policy and strategy across the partnership as a whole and is responsible for setting the strategic direction for children's services and should therefore formally approve the CYPP.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

Appendix 1: Final Draft Children and Young People's Plan (see separate document)

Appendix 2: Proceedings of the Children & Young People's Trust Board

Appendix 3: Equalities Impact Assessment