

# CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S CABINET MEMBER MEETING

## Agenda Item 39

Brighton & Hove City Council

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Commissioning strategy for services for children with disabilities- programme update</b>		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> March 2012</b>		
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Terry Parkin Strategic Director People</b>		
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<b>Key Decision:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Forward Plan No.</b>	<b>CYP 27897</b>

### 1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

1.1. The Commissioning Strategy for services for children with a disability was agreed by the Cabinet Member in January 2011. This report sets out progress on the implementation of that strategy and seeks endorsement of the key initiative to pilot individual budgets for short breaks (respite) for children and young people with disabilities who have an assessed need for social care support.

1.2 The Commissioning Strategy addresses targets agreed between the council with the Clinical Commissioning Group in the Section 75 Agreement:

- Improving support to children and young people with a disability or complex health needs and their families
- Redesign services for children with disabilities
- Implementation of the Every Disabled Child matters programme

### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That the Cabinet Member approves the implementation of a pilot for individual budgets for short breaks (respite) for children and young people with disabilities with an assessed need for social care support.

(2) That the Cabinet Member notes that the pilot will be taken forward through established partnership and joint working arrangements between the Council's Joint Commissioner, managers and staff in the council's Integrated Child Development and Disability Service, Community and Voluntary Sector organisations, parent carer groups (including the Parent and Carer Council hosted by Amaze), children and young people and other stakeholders.

### **3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:**

3.1 During 2010/11 a Commissioning led review of services for children with disabilities was undertaken with partners and service users. A Commissioning Strategy was agreed by the then Cabinet Member in January 2011 setting out a phased transformational programme 2011-2014.

At the heart of the strategy lies the building of capacity and resilience within individual families, the community and services to allow children and young people to remain with their families as long as possible, attending school in the city, achieving their potential and living happy and fruitful lives.

3.2 Through a co-production model involving the Strategic Partnership Board for Children with Disabilities, and taking account of national and local policy drivers, the following outcomes were identified as priorities for the city:

- To demonstrate increased resilience in parent carers of children/young people with disabilities
- To show an increase in the independence of children and young people with disabilities
- To reduce social isolation of children and young people with disabilities and their families
- To reduce poverty and ensure a better standard of living for families with a disabled child
- To increase inclusion within mainstream services
- To minimise impairment and disability
- To improve participation of children, young people and parent carers in the design and delivery of service
- To improve the quality and transparency of decision making
- To promote life chances and maximise potential of children and young people with disabilities

3.3. The appendix to this report set out a critical initiative to take forward this strategy by the introduction of individual budgets for children and young people with disabilities who have an assessed need for social care support .

The purpose of this pilot is to test the viability/acceptability of individual budgets in Brighton and Hove and to scope future developmental phases The aim of individual budgets is: to give greater control to families, helping them to

build the personal resources and resilience they need to care for children. By bringing together the expressed preferences of families for across the city we will be able to shape the range of local services that can be made available within existing resources. Implementing change on this scale requires a fundamental shift in understanding across the system which can only be achieved through coproduction with all stakeholders, carefully evaluating findings and options for the future at each stage of the process.

#### **4. CONSULTATION**

- 4.1 Consultation is being carried out on an ongoing basis via the Strategic Partnership Board which includes all key stakeholders and parent carers. The Parent Carer Council and AHA! Group (Young peoples advisory group) have been and will continue to be consulted.

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

##### Financial Implications:

5.1 5.1 The implementation of the scheme highlighted in the report could have significant financial implications. To date no work has been undertaken to assess any possible additional costs in setting up the pilot or future service modelling to evaluate the potential impact on the overall children's disability budget. Obviously, the pilot itself will provide valuable data to determine the possible financial implications of an increase in individual budgets, but at present this is unknown.

*Finance Officer Consulted: David Ellis*

*Date: 21/02/12*

##### Legal Implications:

- 5.2 The carers of children and young people with disabilities are entitled to assessment to consider a range of support which may be needed. The pilot recommended will enable the authority to test the viability of individual budgets for short breaks for children and young people with disabilities who have an assessed need for social care support, and so inform any future developmental phases in relation to individual budgets

*Lawyer Consulted: Natasha Watson Date: 22.02.2012*

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 Equalities impact assessment will be completed as part of the strategy

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 it is expected that the outcome of the review of service will enhance community sustainability, increasing resilience and independence in children, young people and their families and thus promoting economic wellbeing

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 none

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 Risks and mitigation of these have been included in the report

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.7 This report addresses strategic improvements within the CYPP which in turn support the council's key priorities.

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

- 6.1 Maintaining the status quo was considered but in the light of national guidance re self directed support, this was not considered appropriate.

6.2

**7. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7.1 The recommendations support a co-produced model taking evidence from local and national policy drivers, identified needs of children, young people and parent carers.

7.2 The proposals reflect a Value for Money approach to service delivery with the emphasis being on building resilience in parent carers and maximising the potential of children and young people with disabilities and thus aiming to reduce the impact of their disability on their family and ultimately reduce the likelihood of them requiring more significant , and costly, care packages.

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

### **Appendices:**

**Appendix 1: Development of effective short breaks and the move to individual budgets as a core offer**

#### **Documents In Members' Rooms**

None

#### **Background Documents**

None

