
SUMMARY REPORT

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN 2008-2011

Responsible Cabinet Member – Cllr Chris McEwan, Children and Young People Portfolio

Responsible Director – Murray Rose, Director of Children's Services

Purpose of the Report

1. To consult and seek Members' endorsement of the Children and Young People's Plan 2008-2011 (CYPP).

Summary

2. At the meeting of the Children's Trust on 24th January 2008 the Board agreed to publish a new Children and Young People's Plan and approved the draft Plan attached at **Appendix A** for the purposes of consultation at its' meeting on 8th May 2008.

Recommendations

3. It is recommended that :-
 - (a) Members endorse the draft CYPP attached at **Appendix A**;
 - (b) Give delegated authority to the Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children's Services, to submit the Draft Plan to Ofsted by 28th June 2008; and
 - (c) Refer the Plan to Council for approval on 17th July 2008.

Reasons

4. The recommendations are supported by the following reasons :-
 - (a) To comply with the statutory requirements of the Children and Young People's Plan (England) regulations 2005;
 - (b) In respect of 13 (b): owing to the tight timetable for submission to Ofsted and ongoing consultation, further changes may be required to the Plan prior to submission; and
 - (c) To comply with the statutory requirements of the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000 all documents required to be included in the Council's policy framework must be submitted to Council for approval.

Murray Rose,
Director of Children's Services

Background Papers

Annual Review of the Children and Young People's Plan (supplementary guidance 2007), DfES
Guidance on the Children and Young People's Plan, DfES

Julian Kenshole: Extension 2071

S17 Crime and Disorder	The contents of this report have been considered in the context of the requirements placed on the Council by Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, namely, the duty on the Council to exercise its functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area. It is considered that the contents of this report will have such an effect.
Health and Well Being	The CYPP includes a specific priority and a number of associated actions to promote positive health and wellbeing
Sustainability	The CYPP includes a specific priority and a number of associated actions to enable children and young people to contribute to their community and the environment.
Diversity	The CYPP plans to improve the outcomes for all children and young people in Darlington but also details groups who are particularly vulnerable and who are at greater risk of achieving. The plan identifies these groups including Looked after Children and children with a disability and includes mitigating actions.
Wards Affected	All wards are affected although additional emphasis is placed on 'narrowing the gap' between the outcomes secured by children residing in more advantage wards and the least advantage wards.
Groups Affected	The CYPP is a strategic plan which details how the Council and its partners will improve outcomes for Children and young people as part of an overall reform programme for the integration of services for children (Paragraph 5 of the report refers).
Budget and Policy Framework	The issues contained within this report represent changes to Council policy or the Council's policy framework.
Key Decision	This report represents a Key Decision.
Urgent Decision	This is an urgent decision in order to meet a statutory deadline. The report will go to Scrutiny Committee prior to its submission to Council for approval.
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	Five specific priorities are identified within the CYPP each of which are closely aligned to

	<p>Darlington's Sustainable Community Strategy Themes (shown in brackets below).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Promote positive health and well being (Healthy Darlington)• Ensure the safety of children and young people (Safer Darlington)• Enable children and young people to aspire, to have fun and maximise their full potential through learning (Aspiring Darlington)• Enable children and young people to contribute to their community and environment (Greener Darlington)• Ensure children and young people are prepared for and prosper in adult life (Prosperous Darlington)
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Information and Analysis

5. The CYPP is an important element in the reform programme *Every Child Matters* and has been a powerful force in helping drive forward better local integration of services for children and in developing Children's Trust partnership arrangements. The CYPP is a strategic plan and has a key role in the delivery of the new Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) vision: One Darlington: Perfectly Placed and the new LAA. It is prepared by the Darlington Children's Trust which will act as the vehicle for delivering much of the Aspiring theme of the SCS and will link to the other themes within the Strategy. The CYPP provides the link with the more detailed operational plans prepared by Children Trust partners. It is required to capture the key elements of these supporting plans and specifically those set out in the Local Policing Plan, Youth Justice Plan and the Crime and Disorder and Misuse of Drugs and Alcohol Strategies.
6. Subject to the approval of Cabinet the plan will be submitted to Government Office on 26th June 2008, as part of the arrangements for the Annual Performance Assessment of Children's Services conducted by Ofsted.

Outcome of Consultation

7. Consultation on the Plan commenced in December 2007. The Tier 3 Group (a consultative group of young people) fed back comments on our existing priorities and were asked of their continued relevance. The first of two joint briefing sessions for Children's Services and Children's NHS managers was also held in December 2007 at which senior and operational managers were given the opportunity to review priorities and suggest actions to deliver improvement. A CYPP Reference Group was established by the Children's Trust in January 2008 consisting of representatives of the various partner organisations who are responsible for delivering services to children and their families. The remit of this group was to complete an analysis of need, develop the draft CYPP and feedback to, and receive comments from, the various partners who the members represented.
8. Children and young people were widely consulted through the Council of School Councils which shared and commented on the proposed new priorities. A borough wide 'Click' event for children and young people was held in April 2008 which, among other activities, gave children and young people the chance to be entered into a prize draw for completing a questionnaire on the proposed priorities for the CYPP.
9. The wider community was consulted through Talking Together events and other events connected with the review of the new Sustainable Community Strategy for Darlington. The outcomes of our most recent Community Survey were studied, as were the Talking Together Events which were utilised within the formal Needs Analysis. The Town Crier, ran an article on the proposed CYPP priorities and gave readers the opportunity to comment on them.
10. A variety of groups including the Children and Young People's Voluntary Sector Network, Health Improvement Social Inclusion Group, Secondary Heads, Primary Heads, Local Strategic Partnership Board and the Local Safeguarding Children Board have all been consulted and given the opportunity to comment on and contribute to both the proposed priorities and the draft plan.

11. The Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee will be considering the CYPP at its meeting on 23rd June.
 12. Consultation is ongoing until the submission deadline date to Ofsted of 26th June 2008.
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