

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN 2010-25

Report of the Executive Director of Children's Services

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To present Cabinet Members with the final version of the Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) 2010-2025 Strategy and 3 year Delivery Plan 2010-2013.

2. Description of Decision

- 2.1 To seek approval to the final version of the CYPP 2010-25 and to seek approval for the documents to be presented to Council for ratification in March 2010.

3. Introduction/Background

- 3.1 A Consultation Draft of the CYPP Strategy 2010-2025 and the initial Delivery plan 2010-13 were presented to Cabinet in February 2010. The report to Cabinet is attached.

4. Current Position

- 4.1 The CYPP 2010-25 Strategy sets out the vision, values and principles of the Children's Trust, the key aims and milestones, how the Children's Trust will be accountable for delivering the strategy, monitoring and evaluation arrangements as well as information around resources and finance.
- 4.2 The CYPP three year delivery plan 2010-13 provides information about each of the priority outcomes, identifying the lead partnership, what is currently happening and what plans are in place to improve outcomes, as well as information on performance and resources. The identified priority outcomes relate to:
- Improving outcomes for those living in poverty and reducing child poverty
 - Safeguarding children and young people in Sunderland
 - Reducing levels of childhood obesity
 - Reducing levels of teenage pregnancy
 - Improving children and young people's emotional and mental health
 - The impact of domestic violence on children and young people
 - Reducing levels of bullying
 - Reducing levels of crime committed by children and young people and reducing children and young people's fear of crime
 - Improving attainment at school and narrowing the gap for those groups of children who do not do as well as their peers

- Having locally accessible and affordable fun play and physical activities
- Reducing levels of offending
- Reducing levels of anti-social behaviour
- Improving the public perception of young people
- Increasing the proportion of young people in education, employment and training
- Provide decent homes
- Improving transport
- Improving the environment
- Improving outcomes for vulnerable groups, including those with learning difficulties and/or disabilities, children in care, children in need and in need of protection, those from black and minority ethnic groups.

- 4.2 The final versions include information that was missing from the Consultation Draft presented in February, including performance information, key milestones and targets, and a section on providing decent homes.
- 4.3 An additional priority outcome to ‘provide decent homes’ has emerged from the consultation exercise.
- 4.4 All comments and amendments derived from consultation with Cabinet, Scrutiny Committee, Children’s Trust partners, managers, staff and other stakeholders have been incorporated into this final draft.
- 4.5 Following ratification by full Council, the designed and printed version of the Strategy and Delivery Plan will be produced.

5. Reasons for the Decision

- 5.1 The CYPP is an Article 4 Plan under the Constitution of the Council and is the primary document for the Children’s Trust partnership to set out how they will deliver priorities to ensure better outcomes for children, young people and their families.

6. Alternative Options

- 6.1 An alternative option would be not to produce the CYPP. This would result in a breach of the Council’s Constitution and have a negative impact on outcomes for children, young people and their families.

7. Relevant Considerations/Consultations

- 7.1 Throughout the process the Children’s Trust has informed and engaged key stakeholder groups, including:

- Partners - workshops to reassess Children's Trust arrangements and to consider priorities emerging from the Needs Assessment.
- Members – two drop-in events have been held (in June and November 2009) for all Members.
- Schools – regular letters have been sent to schools to inform them of the work of the Children's Trust in developing the CYPP 2010-25.
- Consultation with the Children, Young People and the Learning Scrutiny Committee Consultation Group

Links have been made with the Sunderland Strategy and its related strategies and thematic partnerships, as well as the Local Area Agreement and National Indicator Set.

8. List of Appendices

Children and Young People's Plan 2010-25 Strategy and 3 year Delivery Plan

9. Background Papers

Children and Young People's Plan 2009-10
 Statutory Guidance on Inter Agency Cooperation November 2008
 Children and Young People's Plan Guidance 2009
 Report to Cabinet May 2009
 Report to Cabinet February 2010

