

**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN 2009/10**

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

**Strategic Priority 2: Healthy City**

**Strategic Priority 4: Learning City**

**Strategic Priority 5: Attractive and Inclusive City**

**Corporate Improvement Priority: Delivering Customer Focused Services, Efficient and Effective Council, Improving Partnership Working to Deliver 'One City'**

**1. Why has this report come to Committee?**

To present Review Committee Members with a consultation draft of the Children and Young people's Plan (CYPP) 2009-10 and to invite comment.

To advice Members about Government guidance and about the proposals of the Sunderland Children's Trust to produce a 15 year strategy (2010-25) for the commissioning of services for children and their families.

**2. Introduction/Background**

- 2.1 The Children and Young People's Plan continues to be the key document that covers, in one place, all services for, young people and families within a single strategic and overarching vision for the local area.
- 2.2 Children's Trust partners are closely involved in its development and should ensure their own plans are fully aligned with it. The Children's Trust signs off the CYPP, ensures that it is published, refreshed, evaluated and reviewed and both drives the operating plans which underpin it and reflects and informs the overarching plan – the Sunderland Strategy - of which it should be a part.
- 2.3 Statutory Guidance issued in November 2008 sets out the Government's direction for strengthening Children's Trust governance and CYPP arrangements.

The Government is proposing to facilitate greater partnership ownership of the CYPP by legislating to place the duty to produce, publish and monitor the CYPP on the Children's Trust Board. The jointly-owned CYPP would reflect shared priorities in, for example, shared commissioning plans and Local Area Agreements to address the needs of children and young people, including the most vulnerable and those with additional needs, and would design services around those needs.

It is important that the Children's Trust is accountable for its actions to the local community, including children and families and front line providers.

The local authority must set out in the CYPP what the Children's Trust intends to do to improve outcomes for local children and families.

2.4 Building on this Statutory Guidance for Children's Trusts, in January 2009 the Government issued Guidance specific to the **CYPP 2010 onwards**.

Key requirements are:

- The CYPP must be developed in the context of local issues and priorities and understood as part of a wider local strategy involving all partners in the Local Strategic Partnership.
- By 2010 Children's Trusts should have in place consistent, high quality arrangements to provide identification and early intervention for all those who need additional help
- The CYPP sets the strategic commissioning framework within which partners will, together or individually, ensure delivery of services which improve outcomes for children and young people and families in the area.
- The CYPP must include a statement on how the local authority intends to achieve improvements with reference to the integration of services, early intervention and prevention and safeguarding.
- The CYPP must:
  - set out the arrangements for co-operation with local partners.
  - include a needs assessment against outcomes for children and young people.
  - include an outline of key actions, with timescales, to meet priorities.
  - include a statement of how the use of the local authority's resources will contribute to the improvement of the outcomes.

3. **Current Position**

3.1 The current 3 year Children and Young People's Plan ends in March 2009.

3.2 The Children's Trust has undertaken a scoping exercise to consider the best way forward for future CYPPs. The key considerations are:

- i. The C&YP Plan needs to be closely aligned to the **2025 Sunderland Strategy** published earlier this year. The Children's Trust arrangements need to be better engaged with the Local Strategic Partnership and its thematic partnerships.

- ii. New Children's Trust and C&YPP guidance (as outlined in 3. above) has been issued setting out expectations for the **CYPP 2010** and beyond.
- iii. The above Guidance also makes reference to a number of **legislative proposals** which are subject to parliamentary approval. The Government plan to consult on the proposals in the Autumn of 2009, with them coming into force in the spring 2010. **This would mean an expectation for all areas to prepare new plans for publication by April 2011.**

Three key pieces of legislation are proposed:

- 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; and
- Extending the ownership of the CYPP to all statutory partners by placing the duty to produce the CYPP on the Children's Trust Board.

The Government is also considering how best to use the CYPP to support local action to **tackle child poverty**. Local authorities make a vital contribution to reducing child poverty by improving the conditions for family life and narrowing the gap in outcomes between children in low income families and their peers. In discussions on the new CYPP regulations the Government will consult on the best way to ensure that local services improve the prospects for the most disadvantaged children.

#### 4. **Conclusion**

The Children's Trust concluded the following from the scoping exercise:

- 4.1 To align the CYPP and Children's Trust governance arrangements with the LSP and to formulate a new style 15 year strategy from April 2010 to March 2025
- 4.2 To produce a 1 year 'transitional' CYPP 2009/10 to include:
  - Section 1
    - outstanding actions from the current plan,
    - a review of measurable outcomes from 2008/9
    - priorities and recommendations from partnerships aligned to the Children's Trust
    - priority actions for 2009/10 for locality based working, children and young people's engagement, prevention, and workforce development .
  - Section 2

- What we need to do to move to a new style, longer term strategic plan for 2010/25  
The conclusion is that there is no realistic alternative for members to consider.

## 5. Recommendation

Members are invited to comment on the draft CYPP 2009-10 and on the proposals for a 15 year commissioning strategy 2010-25.

## 6. Background Papers

Sunderland Children and Young People's Plan 2007/9  
Statutory Guidance on Inter Agency Cooperation November 2008  
Children and Young People's Plan Guidance 2009

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**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN 2009/10  
REPORTING TIMELINE**

Meeting	Date (Deadline)	
CSRC	12/03/09 (03/03/09)	Draft report and CYPP presented (with a note to say that this is a working draft and will be further updated following presentation to other meetings).
CTSP	19/03/09 (13/03/09)	As above
Cabinet	08/04/09 (13/03/09)	As above
CSRC	09/04/09 (31/03/09)	Draft Report and CYPP referred from Cabinet.
Children's Trust	21/04/09 (13/04/09)	Draft report and CYPP presented for sign-off and agreement prior to be presented to Cabinet.
Cabinet	03/06/09 (13/05/09)	Final report and CYPP presented to Cabinet
Council	24/06/09 (11/06/09)	CYPP (Article 4 Plan) presented to Council for sign-off