

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET		
SUBJECT:	APPROVAL OF FIRST YEAR REVIEW OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN 2009-2012		
DATE OF DECISION:	7 JUNE 2010		
REPORT OF:	CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND LEARNING		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

None

SUMMARY

The Southampton Children and Young People's Plan 2009-12 is the city's overarching, strategic plan for all services for children and young people in Southampton. The first review evaluates the work of the Children and Young People's Trust in implementing the first year of the plan 2009-12.

The review does not replace the Children and Young People's Plan 2009-2012. It sets out the updated actions and milestones planned for 2010-11 to achieve improved outcomes in the priority areas identified by the plan.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) To approve the action plan for 2010-11 (see Appendix 1), arising from the review of progress of the first year of the Children and Young People's Plan 2009-2012.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Southampton Children and Young People's Trust has been monitoring the progress made since the plan was published to ensure that work is on track and to consider whether local circumstances or needs have changed which would require the plan to be modified for the second year of its implementation.

CONSULTATION

2. Consultation with a range of providers and other stakeholders has been a key feature of the development of the CYPP Review. These include:
 - Heads of Service, Principal Officers and key managers within Children's Services and Learning;
 - Partners within the PCT, including managers of Sure Start, the Parenting Commissioner and the Teenage Pregnancy lead;
 - Finance;
 - Partners from Hampshire Police;
 - Partners from Hampshire's Youth Offending Team;

- Stronger Communities and Equalities Manager;
 - Southampton Voluntary Services; and
 - Project Manager, Commissioning for Choice.
3. Many people and groups have had the opportunity to contribute to the progress of the Review from the earliest stages. The data and the sections have been discussed at Trust Board and Management Team meetings throughout the process.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

4. A review comprising of 'no change' was rejected as it would not respond to the needs of children and young people within Southampton and would not reflect the progress that had been made over the previous year in response to the actions set out in the Children and Young People's Plan 2009-2012.

DETAIL

5. The priorities within the Children and Young People's Plan 2009/12 reflected the most challenging issues for children and young people in the city. The first year saw some significant improvements in relation to all five outcomes:

Be Healthy

- 6.
- A continued reduction of 15.5% in teenage conceptions against the 1998 baseline.
 - Better access to sexual health services through re-commissioning.
 - Increased numbers of young people accessing substance misuse treatment, exceeding the target of 90 with an estimated outturn of 135.
 - A steady increase in the number of mothers initiating breastfeeding from 69.9% in 2003/4 to 76.3% in 2008/9.
 - Improved information, advice and guidance for parents and carers.

Stay Safe

- 7.
- Support for children and young people at risk of domestic violence and of 'hidden harms' of parental alcohol and drug use and those who go missing.
 - Levels of bullying reduced by 24.7% from previous year as reported by children and young people.
 - Information for children and young people with disabilities and their families.
 - Access to child care for children and young people with disabilities.
 - Placement stability for children looked after – improved from 12% of children looked after with three or placements in the year in 2008/9 to 6.8% in 2009/10 (third quarter).

Enjoy and Achieve

- 8.
- Improved educational attainment for 5, 7, 16 and 19 year olds.
 - Closing the gap between children who do well and those vulnerable to poor outcomes.
 - The rate of improvement in GCSE performance at KS4 for young people living in priority neighbourhood areas closed significantly between 2007 and 2009.
 - Improved early years and childcare provision.

- Fewer children are missing school because of fixed term exclusions.
- Good progress in reducing persistent absence in 2008/9.
- The first phase of the Primary Review was completed by July 09.
- Access to computers for children looked after through a BECTA grant.

Make a Positive Contribution

- 9.
- Improved support services for substance misuse and sexual health.
 - Reduction in the reports of anti-social behaviour from the public and a fall in criminal damage.
 - Fewer children and young people who are the victim of crime, or are involved in the criminal justice system for the first time.
 - Re-commissioning of new Positive Activities programmes.

Achieve Economic Wellbeing

- 10.
- Fewer 16-18 year olds not in education, employment and training from 12.1% to 10% in the past nine months.
 - An increase in young people achieving Level 2 (from 59.9% in 2004/4 to 67% in 2008/9) and Level 3 qualifications (from 34.6% in 2003/4 to 40% in 2008/9).
 - An increase in the number of young people staying in learning until 18 years from 85.1% in 2006 to 90.1% in 2009.
 - An increase to 66% in the number of young people completing an apprenticeship.
 - More assistance to families on out of work benefits in most deprived communities.

Service Management

- 11.
- Better use of partners' resources through joint commissioning.
 - A multi-agency training programme with agreement to shared funding by trust partners.
 - More services delivered on a locality basis.

Key areas for improvement: focus for the plan in 2010/11

- 12.
- The ten priorities identified in the Children and Young People's Plan 2009-2012 (appendix 1) will be retained in the review of the plan, with a sharper focus on specific areas that have been identified from performance and inspection information. A detailed updated and revised action plan will support these new areas of focus.

Be Healthy: areas for focus for 2010:

- 13.
- Continue to improve outcomes for children under 5 years with a specific focus on breast-feeding, obesity, positive mental health and emotional wellbeing and immunisation through implementation of the Healthy Child Programme.
 - Continue to improve outcomes for 5-19 year olds, with a specific focus on sexual health and teenage pregnancy, substance misuse, obesity and mental health and emotional wellbeing through implementation of the Healthy Child and Young Person Programme.
 - Improve outcomes for disabled children, young people and their families and reduce inequalities by implementing recommendations from the joint disability review.

- Continue to improve access to evidence-based programmes to enable parents to develop the skills, knowledge and confidence to parent their children and young people effectively.
- Continue to develop and improve the current provision of individual and family support to enable parents to access appropriate information, advice and guidance and to receive timely assessment and referral to the support needed.
- Continue to review and improve relevant services and systems to reflect the changing needs of families.

Stay Safe: areas for focus for 2010:

- 14.
- Continue to improve child protection practice and performance against statutory requirements to ensure children and young people are protected in a timely way.
 - To improve the timescales and quality of initial and core assessments.
 - Increasing understanding of the impact on children of domestic violence and developing services for 'medium risk' cases.
 - Ensure effective joint working and agency responses to families exposed to 'hidden harm' (domestic violence, substance misuse and alcohol).
 - To ensure rigorous, timely and outcome focused care planning and reviews for children looked after.
 - To sustain the improvements in placement stability.

Enjoy and Achieve: areas for focus for 2010:

- 15.
- To deliver a positive step-change in standards at Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 4.
 - To deliver the Building Schools for the Future and Academies programme.
 - To complete the procurement of Oasis Academy Lord's Hill and Oasis Acad Mayfield.
 - To complete the first stage procurement for Building Schools for the Future
 - To complete the construction of Harefield Primary School, the new teaching block at Redbridge Community School and the new sports hall at Great Oaks School.
 - To procure contractors for the Newlands Primary School and Bitterne Park Sixth Form projects.

Make a Positive Contribution: areas for focus for 2010:

- 16.
- Improve service delivery through bringing together staff and resources from different agencies into three city locations.
 - Continued to reduce the number of children and young people engaged in anti social behaviour by implementing within each locality area a programme of positive activities on Friday and Saturdays which supports children and young people to participate in more sport, leisure and cultural activities.
 - Work to ensure there is a continued reduction in children and young people being the victims of crime or entering the youth justice system by working with the Safer City Partnership to provide a co-ordinated strategic approach to target activities where there is the greatest need.

- Continue to improve the image of children and young people in Southampton, by acknowledging their positive contribution and their achievements.

Achieve Economic Wellbeing: focus for 2010

- 17.
- Broaden learning opportunities for 14-19 year olds through Apprenticeships Diplomas, GCSEs and A' Levels.
 - Implement Year 1 of the Foundation Learning Plan.
 - Increase the number of young people engaged in applied/vocational learning the number achieving these qualifications.
 - Improve our data collection and analysis of information of children living in poverty.
 - Undertake a Child Poverty Needs Assessment and develop a local action plan/strategy on tackling child poverty locally.
 - Continue to close the gap between children who do well and those vulnerable to poor outcomes – for example children entitled to free school meals and/or from priority neighbourhoods than in non priority neighbourhoods.
 - Improve take-up of Tax Credits including Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credits.

Service Management: focus for 2010:

- 18.
- Continue to improve the analysis of performance data to inform commissioning and locality working.
 - Improve the integration of information systems between Southampton City Council and partner agencies.
 - Continue to develop integrated working through the implementation of the Workforce Strategy.
 - Maximise opportunities for children and young people, particularly the most vulnerable, to express their views and influence services.
 - Continue to maximise the use of resources and target services towards achieving improved outcomes for children and young people through implementation of the joint commissioning strategy.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital

19. None

Revenue

20. The total resources available to the Children's Trust total approximately £290 million in 2010/11. These include PCT, Police and Voluntary Sector budgets.

21. The action plan identifies the resources available to address each priority.

Property

22. None

Other

23. None

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

24. The Children & Young People's Plan is adopted and maintained by the Local Authority in Partnership with the Children's Trust in accordance with the provisions of the Children's Act 2004 as amended by the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009. A joint Plan must be prepared and approved in accordance with the Council's Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules by 1st April 2011.

Other Legal Implications:

25. In preparing and reviewing the CYPP the Council has had regard to all relevant equalities legislation and the impact on individuals and communities in accordance with the Human Rights Act 1998

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

26. This report is not contrary to any of the Plans in the Policy Framework.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Non-confidential appendices are in the Members' Rooms and can be accessed on-line

Appendices

1. Appendix 1 – Children and Young People's Plan updated action plan 2010-11

Documents In Members' Rooms

1. The review of the first year of the Children and Young People's Plan 2009-2012
2. Southampton Children and Young People's Plan 2009-2012

Background Documents

Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
1. The review of the first year of the Children and Young People's Plan 2009-2012	
2. Southampton Children and Young People's Plan 2009-2012	

Background documents available for inspection at: Frobisher House, Southampton

KEY DECISION? Yes

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:

All