

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET		
SUBJECT:	CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S STRATEGY 2017-2020		
DATE OF DECISION:	17 JANUARY 2017		
REPORT OF:	CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION AND SKILLS		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

NOT APPLICABLE

BRIEF SUMMARY

'Children and young people get a good start in life' is one of the Council's four priority outcomes which contributes to the City Strategy ambition of a better life for babies, children and young people. The draft Children and Young People's Strategy (2017-2020) is a key strategic partnership document which sets out how the Council will work with its partners to achieve a joined-up, citywide approach to supporting children, young people and their families. Work is underway with children and young people to develop a version that is accessible to them and will be available on the website when it is ready.

This strategy will be published on the Council's website and available to staff, residents, partners and other stakeholders. It has been developed as an easy to read, high level document, which focuses on key priorities and actions, and will be supported by a number of more detailed strategies, policies and plans.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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| | (i) | To consider and approve the draft Children and Young People's Strategy 2017-2020, attached as Appendix 1. |
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REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

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| 1. | To ensure that the Council and its partners have a clear, accessible and transparent strategy that outlines their vision and priorities for children and young people. |
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ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

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| 2. | An alternative option is to not develop and approve a strategy. This is not recommended as it is important for the Council to provide a clear and accessible statement of intent about how it will work with partners to improve outcomes for children and young people in the city. |
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DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)	
	Background and context
3.	The Council has agreed four priority outcomes of which one is 'children and young people get a good start in life'. Supporting children and young people to get a good start in life can only be achieved through strong partnership work, in which all relevant organisations work together to make Southampton a good place to grow up. The strategy is therefore a citywide partnership vision, which has been developed with, and will be delivered by, a range of organisations.
4.	<p>Officers have worked with a range of partners from public, private and third sector organisations to develop the strategy, including members of the following boards/partnerships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southampton Connect • Health and Wellbeing Board • Safe City Partnership • Youth Offending Board • Employment Skills and Learning Partnership • Local Safeguarding Children Board • Southampton Education Leadership Forum • Southampton Integration Board • Southampton Youth Forum • 0-19 Prevention and Early Intervention Board.
5.	<p>This strategy covers the period 2017-2020 and will be reviewed periodically to respond to new legislation, as well as new challenges and opportunities. The time period enables the Council to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be consistent with the timeline of the Council Strategy and other key strategies and plans • Respond to the fast changing environment of Children and Families services, and the range of legislative changes that will come into force over the next 3 years.
	Outcomes and priorities
6.	<p>The strategy focuses on four key outcomes, which set the vision for what we want to achieve for children and young people in Southampton by 2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children and young people in Southampton are safe and secure • Children and young people in Southampton achieve and aspire • Children and young people in Southampton live healthy and happy lives • Children and young people in Southampton are resilient and engaged.

7.	<p>The outcomes are supported by priorities which reflect the key areas of focus identified by partners across the city:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="277 304 507 517" rowspan="3">Children in Southampton are safe and secure</td> <td data-bbox="507 304 1474 400">Supporting Children in Need and being a good parent to children in care.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="507 400 1474 459">Protecting vulnerable children and young people</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="507 459 1474 517">Reducing Youth Offending</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="277 517 507 730" rowspan="3">Children in Southampton achieve and aspire</td> <td data-bbox="507 517 1474 575">Increasing educational attainment for all</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="507 575 1474 633">Increasing school readiness</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="507 633 1474 730">Giving children and young people the skills they need to aspire to fulfil their potential</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="277 730 507 943" rowspan="3">Children in Southampton live happy and healthy lives</td> <td data-bbox="507 730 1474 788">Getting children and young people active and healthy</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="507 788 1474 846">Improving mental health and wellbeing</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="507 846 1474 943">Reducing risky behaviours</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="277 943 507 1160" rowspan="3">Children in Southampton are resilient and engaged</td> <td data-bbox="507 943 1474 1039">Helping children and their families become more resilient through prevention and early help</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="507 1039 1474 1097">Preparing for adulthood</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="507 1097 1474 1160">Promoting participation and engagement</td> </tr> </table>	Children in Southampton are safe and secure	Supporting Children in Need and being a good parent to children in care.	Protecting vulnerable children and young people	Reducing Youth Offending	Children in Southampton achieve and aspire	Increasing educational attainment for all	Increasing school readiness	Giving children and young people the skills they need to aspire to fulfil their potential	Children in Southampton live happy and healthy lives	Getting children and young people active and healthy	Improving mental health and wellbeing	Reducing risky behaviours	Children in Southampton are resilient and engaged	Helping children and their families become more resilient through prevention and early help	Preparing for adulthood	Promoting participation and engagement
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8.	<p>The strategy will be aligned to and supported by a number of other strategies, policies and plans, and these links are identified in the high level action plan detailed within the draft strategy.</p>																
	<p>Our approach</p>																
9.	<p>The strategy includes key facts and figures setting the scene for our challenges and opportunities and details the measures that will be used to assess the success of the strategy. It also sets out how the Council will work differently to achieve the agreed priorities and outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working together to a shared vision, taking a whole family approach, targeting reducing resources and focusing on prevention and early help. • Delivering joined up services that offer support proportionate to need. • Improving educational attainment and aspiration. • Reducing the number of children who are in the care of the Council. • Taking action in the first 1,000 days of a child’s life, as we know this has the greatest impact on their life chances. • Tackling inequalities and child poverty across the city’s strategies and policies to improve outcomes for children and their families. 																
10.	<p>The importance of working with and through our children and young people is reflected in the section on the ‘voice of the child’ within the strategy. Work is underway with children and young people to develop a version of the strategy that is more accessible for children and young people.</p>																

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Capital/Revenue</u>	
11.	This strategy aims to co-ordinate action that is already being delivered by the Council and its partners. There are no additional resource requirements, arising from approving the strategy, as all immediate activity is already accounted for in existing budgets. Any additional activity identified as part of the action plan will be considered for feasibility within normal yearly budgeting activity.
<u>Property/Other</u>	
12.	None.
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>	
13.	The Council has a number of statutory duties relating to children and young people and this strategy will assist the Council in meeting those duties.
<u>Other Legal Implications:</u>	
14.	Not applicable.
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS	
15.	This strategy will make a significant contribution to one of the main priorities within the Council Strategy 2016-2020.

KEY DECISION?	Yes
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	All wards
<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>	
Appendices	
1.	Southampton Children and Young People's Strategy 2017-2020
Documents In Members' Rooms	
1.	None
Equality and Safety Impact Assessment	
Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out.	Yes
Privacy Impact Assessment	
Do the implications/subject of the report require a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) to be carried out.	No
Other Background Documents	
Other Background documents available for inspection at: Not Applicable	
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.	None