

# North Tyneside Council Report to Cabinet Date: 14<sup>th</sup> October 2013

ITEM 6(f)

Title: North Tyneside Children  
and Young People's Plan 2014-18

Portfolio(s): Children, Young People and Learning

Cabinet Member(s): Cllr Ian Grayson

Report from Directorate: Children, Young People and Learning

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Wards affected: All

## PART 1

### 1.1 Purpose:

The report outlines the arrangements for preparing the next strategic plan for children and young people in North Tyneside.

### 1.2 Recommendation(s):

Cabinet is recommended to:

1. Agree the proposed arrangements for developing the Children and Young People Plan 2014-18, as described in paragraph 1.5.2 of this report;
2. Agree the associated timeline for the formal approval of the Children and Young People's Plan 2014-18 in accordance with the Policy Framework procedure rules, as set out in 1.5.3.

### 1.3 Forward plan:

This report was listed on the Cabinet forward plan published for the period October 2013

### 1.4 Council plan and policy framework

The report is concerned with all aspects of the Our North Tyneside priorities:

- (i) Our People: Will be supported to achieve their full potential, especially our children and young people.
- (ii) Our Economy: Will have the skills that businesses need.
- (iii) Our Partners: Will include schools and colleges, where our children and young people will receive the skills they need for the future.

The Children and Young People's Plan is part of the Council's Policy Framework. Accordingly this initial report is submitted to Cabinet pursuant to the rules under Part 4.7 of the Constitution for formulation and approval of plans and strategies within the Policy Framework.

## **1.5 Information:**

### **1.5.1 Context**

North Tyneside's Children, Young People and Learning (CYPL) Partnership brings together the relevant partners from the public and voluntary sectors, to provide strategic direction for children and young people's services. It provides the overarching framework for statutory and voluntary agencies to coordinate the planning, commissioning and delivery of children's services. Membership of the partnership comprises North Tyneside Council (the lead authority), North Tyneside Clinical Commissioning Group, Northumbria Healthcare Foundation Trust, North Tyneside Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB), voluntary and community sector representation, all phases of education; diocesan education authorities, JobCentreplus (JCP) and Northumbria Police.

The partnership had been required to articulate their vision for integrating children's services and improving outcomes through a single overarching plan, known as North Tyneside's Children and Young People's Plan. The first plan was published in 2006, with a subsequent four year plan being published in 2010. The plan sets out the shared priorities for the children and young people's joint commissioning cycle. The partnership has agreed to develop a new plan for the period 2014-18, despite the removal of the statutory requirement to produce a plan.

North Tyneside's Children and Young People's Plan has underpinned the growing integration of children's services over the past 7 years:

- Multi agency support is now routinely coordinated around the needs of families;
- A comprehensive early intervention and prevention infrastructure has been established;
- Multi agency safeguarding arrangements are embedded across partners;
- Excellent participation and engagement opportunities provide children and young people with a say in local decision-making.

A shared strategic plan has ensured partners remain focussed on transforming outcomes for children and young people. This has resulted in:

- Sustained improvements in GCSE performance
- Significant reduction in entrants into the Youth Justice system.
- Fewer young people who are not in education, employment and training.
- Substantial reduction in under 18 conceptions.
- All care leavers are now in suitable accommodation.
- A higher proportion of young people progress to higher education after Key Stage 5 than the national average.

North Tyneside's children's services face a number of challenges that require even greater collaboration amongst children's services. These include the growing complexity of commissioning and delivery networks; increased demand for acute services; reductions in funding; and the interdependencies of the most intractable social problems.

The ability of children's services to maintain and further improve outcomes for children and young people will depend on their capacity to further integrate services and refocus on early intervention and prevention. This approach will ensure that children's services combine greater effectiveness and efficiency. The Children and Young people's Plan 2014-18 will help to drive these essential system wide changes to children's services in North Tyneside.

## 1.5.2 Developing the Children and Young People Plan

The partnership will agree the detailed process for developing the Children and Young People's Plan 2014-18. A Position Statement will be produced, which will provide a strategic analysis of the current and future needs of children and young people in the borough. We will ensure the views of children, young people and their families are incorporated within the position statement. The position statement will be shared with members of the partnership and children's services providers for comment. Their feedback will inform the priority setting for the Children and Young People's Plan 2014-18.

The Children, Young People and Learning Commissioning Executive Board will consider the issues raised by stakeholders, as they identify the strategic priorities for 2014-18. The priorities will reflect those areas in which a collaborative approach can deliver the greatest impact for children, young people and their families.

The relevant partners will then undertake detailed work to identify how the strategic priorities will be delivered. This work will form the basis for the commissioning and delivery elements of the Children and Young People's plan. The plan will set out the expectations and responsibilities for partners, against which they will be held accountable. The plan will be reviewed annually to ensure its continued relevance and effectiveness.

Stage	Actions	Outputs	Timescale for next academic year launch
<b>Defining the Issues</b>	Refresh our strategic needs analysis	Position Statement	October – November 2013
	Share position statement with partners for comment		November – December 2013
	Collate feedback on position statement & produce summary	Feedback summary	January 2014
<b>Direction Setting</b>	Workshops with stakeholders and CYPL Board – Identify priorities for action	Direction setting document	January – February 2014
<b>Overview and Scrutiny</b>	Draft plan considered by Overview and Scrutiny	Draft Plan	February 2014
<b>Planning to deliver</b>	Establish Delivery Groups - responsible for reshaping / coordinating services to delivery CYPL priorities	Agree delivery plans for priorities	March – April 2014
<b>Finalise Plan</b>	Share final draft for comment & amend to reflect comments	Final Plan	May 2014
<b>Cabinet Sign off</b>	Cabinet Report	Cabinet Sign off	June 2014
<b>Council Sign Off</b>	Council report	Council sign off	July 2014

<b>Launch Plan</b>	Formal launch of plan Distribute printed copies Make sure plan is available electronically	Hard copies of plan Electronic plan	September 2014
<b>Communicate Plan</b>	Ensure priorities and rational are widely understood	Communication Plan	September 2014 – October 2014

### 1.5.3 Joint Commissioning Arrangements

North Tyneside's Children, Young People and Learning Commissioning Executive Board provide integrated, multi agency governance of children's services commissioning. The Board ensures that the commissioning decisions of Children, Young People and Learning Partnership members are coherent and aligned with the shared priorities set out in the Children and Young people's Plan. They lead on the strategic needs analysis, quality assurance, performance management and evaluation of services commissioned to deliver the Children and Young People Plan priorities.

The Children, Young people and Learning Partnership are working closely with the Health and Wellbeing Board to explore opportunities to integrate the commissioning and delivery of children's services. We have agreed to establish a Children and Young People's Health and Wellbeing Commissioning Group that will look to build a whole system approach to improving children and young people's health provision. The Group will ensure resources and investment are coordinated, to improve health pathways, including health education, prevention and early intervention. The Children and Young people's Plan will ensure that children's services' are aligned with health commissioning priorities, in order to deliver the greatest benefit to children and young people in the borough.

The Plan will also support the delivery of the 'Our North Tyneside' Plan, ensuring that the borough's children's services support the wider priorities for North Tyneside.

### 1.6 Decision options:

Option 1

Cabinet could agree the recommendations as a set out at 1.2

Option 2

Cabinet could decide to amend the consultation arrangements and/or the consultation timeline.

Option 3

Cabinet could refer the matter back to officers for further consideration of relevant issue(s) as specified by Cabinet.

Option 1 is the recommended option.

### 1.7 Reasons for recommended option:

Agreeing Option 1 will enable the process for developing and approving the new Children and Young People's Plan to be taken forward, under the Policy Framework procedure rules.

## **1.8 Appendices:**

None.

## **1.9 Contact officers:**

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## **1.5 Background information:**

North Tyneside Children and Young People's Plan 2010-14

[http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk/pls/portal/NTC\\_PSCM.PSCM\\_Web.download?p\\_ID=524260](http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk/pls/portal/NTC_PSCM.PSCM_Web.download?p_ID=524260)

North Tyneside Children and Young People's Plan Update 2012

[http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk/pls/portal/NTC\\_PSCM.PSCM\\_Web.download?p\\_ID=548032](http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk/pls/portal/NTC_PSCM.PSCM_Web.download?p_ID=548032)

## **PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING**

### **2.1 Finance and other resources**

This plan will drive further integration of children's services in the borough and a revised focus on prevention and early intervention. This has the potential to realise efficiencies and reduce long term demand for the most resource intensive services.

### **2.2 Legal**

The Children and Young People's Plan (England) Regulations 2005 require children's services authorities to prepare, consult upon, publish and review a children and young people's plan.

The process to develop the Children and Young People's Plan 2014 -2018 will be prepared in compliance with the Policy Framework Procedure Rules contained in the Authority's Constitution. The Children and Young People's Plan is designated by the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000 as a plan that is not to be the sole responsibility of the Authority's executive and therefore must be considered in accordance with the requirements of the Authority's Policy Framework Procedure Rules.

### **2.3 Consultation/community engagement**

The proposed framework for developing the Children and Young People's Plan will see extensive consultation undertaken with children, young people and key stakeholders. Stakeholders include schools from all phases; the Clinical Commissioning Group; the Director of Public Health; the Police; Northumbria Healthcare Foundation Trust, the voluntary and community sector; FE and HE partners; North Tyneside Local Safeguarding Children Board and Job Centre Plus. The consultation process will be led by North Tyneside's Children, Young People and Learning Partnership. A comprehensive programme of consultation and engagement activity has been undertaken with children and young people by North Tyneside's Children and Young

People's Participation and Engagement Team. We will also work closely with schools, by providing regular updates at the Headteacher Briefings and sharing drafts of the plan with schools and their governors for comment. Schools will also be represented at the 'direction setting' and 'planning for delivery' sessions.

## 2.4 Human rights

There are no human rights issues arising from this report.

## 2.5 Equalities and diversity

The plan identifies those groups of children and young people identified as priorities for action by the Children's Trust.

## 2.6 Risk management

There are no risk management issues arising directly from this report.

## 2.7 Crime and disorder

There are no crime and disorder issues arising from this report.

## 2.8 Environment and sustainability

There are no crime and disorder issues arising from this report.

### PART 3 - SIGN OFF

- Chief Executive
- Strategic Director(s)
- Mayor/Cabinet Member(s)
- Chief Finance Officer
- Monitoring Officer
- Strategic Manager Policy and Partnerships

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