

Meeting: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Title: Proposals for Developing the Children and Young People's Plan 2014-18

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Wards affected: All

1. Purpose:

This report provides the Committee with an outline of North Tyneside's Children, Young People and Learning Partnership's proposals for developing the new Children and Young People's Plan 2014-2018.

1.1 Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to consider the initial proposals and, where appropriate, make comments and / or recommendations on the proposals to the relevant Cabinet Member.

2. Information:

2.1 Context

North Tyneside Children, Young People and Learning Partnership provide the strategic framework for the planning, commissioning and delivery of children's services in the borough. 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 produce a single overarching strategy, 'North Tyneside's Children and Young People's Plan'. The plan provided the high level strategic vision for the integration of children's services. It has also provided the framework for collaborative planning, commissioning, and delivery of services for children, young people and their families.

The first plan was published in 2006, with a subsequent four year plan published in 2010. The 2010 plan had an additional function, as the borough's Child Poverty Strategy.

North Tyneside's Children and Young People's Plan has facilitated the integration of children's services:

- 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 are focussed on improving key 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.
- Every care leaver securing suitable accommodation.
- A higher proportion of young people progressing to higher education after Key Stage 5 than the national average.
- A smaller proportion of children raised in poverty than the national average.

Partners have agreed to develop a new plan for the period 2014-18, despite the removal of the statutory requirement to produce a plan.

2.2 Rationale

A shared strategic plan is more important than ever for the borough's children's services. Partners face a number of significant challenges, which cannot be addressed by acting in isolation. These include the growing complexity of commissioning and delivery networks; increased demand for specialist services; reductions in funding; and the interdependencies of our most intractable social problems.

Improving the lives of children and young people in this context will require greater collaboration between partners, further integration of provision and a greater emphasis on early intervention and prevention. The Children and Young people's Plan 2014-18 will provide the shared strategic framework for achieving this critical change.

2.3 Developing the Children and Young People's Plan 2014-18

A strategic needs assessment will be produced that analyses current and future needs of children and young people in North Tyneside. It will draw upon the borough's comprehensive evidence base for children's services and identify areas requiring attention. The views of children, young people and their families, gathered through the borough's excellent participation and engagement arrangements, will be at the heart of the needs assessment. The Children and Young People's Participation and Engagement Team held an away day with children and young people in January to identify their priorities for the planning process.

The needs assessment will be shared with members of the partnership, which comprises representatives of schools, further education providers, the Clinical Commissioning Group, Director of Public Health, the Police, Northumbria Healthcare Foundation Trust, the Local Safeguarding Children Board, the Voluntary and Community Sector and Job Centre Plus. The Partnership Board will consider the strategic needs assessment and use it to identify a series of draft priorities for consultation with partners at the February Executive Commissioning Board of the Children, Young People and Learning partnership. The Board will also ensure the draft priorities are aligned with the 'Our North Tyneside Plan'.

The Children, Young people and Learning Partnership will undertake consultation with stakeholders on the draft priorities during February and March 2014. Stakeholders, including members, will receive an electronic copy of the draft priorities and a copy of the strategic needs assessment. The priorities and strategic needs assessment will be made available for public comment, through the Council's website. The Youth Council and Young Mayor will also review the draft priorities to ensure they address children and young people's concerns. Stakeholders will be asked to comment on the draft strategic priorities and their feedback will be collated into a summary document, for consideration by the Children, Young People and Learning Partnership's Executive Commissioning Board.

The Children, Young People and Learning Partnership's Commissioning Executive Board will consider the consultation results and adjust the strategic priorities as necessary, at their meeting in April 2014. The draft plan will be shared with key stakeholders including members during April 2014. The plan will set out the expectations and responsibilities of partners, against which they will be held accountable. A suite of performance measures will enable us to capture the outcomes of the partnership's work. The draft plan will be presented to Overview and Scrutiny and the Children, Education and Skills Committee in July 2014. The final plan will be signed off at the August 2014 meeting of Cabinet and the September 2014 meeting of the full Council.

The Children, Young People and Learning Partnership's Commissioning Executive Board will review the plan annually to ensure its continued relevance and effectiveness. They will monitor the in year delivery of the plan at their meeting each term. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee will also receive regular progress reports. Any changes to the priorities during the lifetime of the strategy will have to be approved by full Council. Cabinet will approve any other changes, following the annual review of the plan, in order to reflect progress against the priorities.

3. Appendices:

Appendix 1: Children and Young People's Plan 2014-18 Timeline

Stage	Actions	Outputs	Timescale
Direction Setting	Share position statement with partners for comment	Consultation feedback report	January 2014
Children, Young People and Learning Executive Commissioning Board	Workshops with stakeholders and CYPL Board – Identify draft priorities for consultation	Direction setting document	3 rd February 2014
Overview and Scrutiny (1st)	Proposals for developing Children and Young People's Plan considered by Overview and Scrutiny	Overview and Scrutiny recommendations	4 th February 2014
Children, Education and Skills Sub Committee	Proposals for developing Children and Young People's Plan considered	Sub Committee's recommendations	17 th February 2014
Consult on Draft Priorities	Share draft priorities with stakeholders for comment	Consultation document	February / March 2014
Children, Young People and Learning Executive Commissioning Board	Agree Priorities and Draft Strategy	Priorities and draft strategy	April 2014
Children, Young People and Learning Partnership	Agree delivery priorities with partners	Delivery priorities	April 2014
Overview and Scrutiny (2nd)	Draft plan considered by Overview and Scrutiny	Agree Draft Plan and any amendments	July 2014
Children, Education and Skills Sub Committee	Draft plan considered by the sub committee	Agree Plan and any amendments	July 2014
Cabinet / Lead Member	Sign off of final proposals	Signed off plan	August 2014
Council	Council approve final plan	Council sign off	September 2014
Launch Plan	Formal launch of plan	Publically available plan	September 2014
Communicate Plan	Ensure priorities and rational are widely understood	Communication Plan	September 2014 – October 2014