

Meeting: Overview, Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee

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

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Service: Commissioning and Fair Access / Children, Young People & Learning

Wards affected: All

1. Purpose:

This report presents the draft Children and Young People's Plan 2014-18 for the consideration of the committee.

1.1 Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to consider the Children and Young people's Plan 2014-18 and, where appropriate, make comments and / or recommendations on the proposals to the relevant Cabinet Member.

2. Information:

2.1 Context

North Tyneside Children and Young People's Plan provides the strategic framework for the planning, commissioning and delivery of children's services in the borough. It is developed by the Children, Young People and Learning Partnership, which 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 current Children and Young People's Plan expires at the end of 2014. In light of the significant changes and challenges facing children's services, the partnership agreed to develop a new four year new plan for the period 2014-18.

In February 2014, Overview and Scrutiny Committee approved the Children, Young People and Learning Partnership's proposals for consulting on a new Children and Young People's Plan. The consultation phase was delivered in the spring of 2014 and has provided a clear strategic direction for developing the plan. Children, young people and key stakeholders were consulted through, the Children, Young People and Learning Partnership Executive Commissioning Board, the Children, Young People and Learning Participation and Engagement Team and an extended partnership meeting in May 2014. Feedback from the consultation has been combined with our strategic needs analysis to identify the partnership's priorities for the next four years.

2.2 Rationale

A shared strategic plan is more important than ever for the borough's children's services, who face significant challenges over the forthcoming four years. These include the growing complexity of commissioning and delivery networks; increased demand for specialist services; reductions in funding; entrenched deprivation and the interdependencies of our most intractable social problems. Partners recognise that sustainable improvements to the lives of children, young people and their families will only be secured through greater collaboration, further integration of provision and shift towards early intervention and prevention. The Children and Young people's Plan 2014-18 sets out the shared vision and priorities that will provide the strategic framework for achieving this critical change.

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

The Children and Young People's Plan 2014 – 2018 is attached at Appendix A. The plan provides the overarching strategic vision and priorities for all children and young people but its' primary focus is on those children aged 0-25 years who are at experiencing or at increased risk of experiencing vulnerability, poor outcomes or deprivation. It contains a

reduced number of priorities and outcomes, ensuring the partnership are focussed on those issues, where collaboration can deliver the greatest impact.

The Children and Young People's Plan 2014-18 is also North Tyneside's Child Poverty Strategy. It sets out a clear strategic direction for tackling the underlying causes of child poverty and disrupting the intergenerational cycle of deprivation that affects some families and communities in North Tyneside.

The proposed priorities and outcomes were agreed by the partnership, following a review of consultation feedback and the partnership's strategic analysis of need. The priority themes and outcomes for the 2014-18 Plan are:

Priority 1. Ready for School

Outcome 1.1 A Healthy Early Childhood

Outcome 1.2 Children are Ready to Start School

Priority 2. Ready for Work and Life

Outcome 2.1 Narrow the gap in educational outcomes

Outcome 2.2 Ready for Employment

Outcome 3.2 Reduce Risk Taking Behaviour

Priority 3. Safe, Supported and Cared For

Outcome 3.1 The most vulnerable children and young people are cared for

Outcome 3.2 Improved outcomes for looked after children

Outcome 3.2 The right support for children and young people with disabilities and additional needs

The plan's priorities are aligned with the 'Our North Tyneside Plan', the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the Safer North Tyneside Plan.

3. Appendices

Appendix A North Tyneside Children and Young People's Plan 2014-18