

Report for:

Item number:

Title: **Child Friendly Haringey - Scrutiny Review Progress**



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Ward(s) affected: ALL

Report for Key/Non Key Decision: N/A

1. Describe the issue under consideration

This report gives an update on work undertaken to progress the response to recommendations from the Children's Scrutiny Panel Review June 2017.

The report made five recommendations:

1. That the council declares its intention to become a "Child Friendly" Borough
2. That an application be made by the Council to become a Unicef Child Rights Partner.
3. That a "Child Friendly borough" strategy be developed for Haringey and that this should include:

A clear local vision of what a "Child Friendly" borough should look like:

- Enhanced arrangements for listening and responding effectively to the voice of the child;
 - Engagement of children in the design, implementation and evaluation of services designed for them;
 - Child impact assessments and evaluation to be considered within proposed new policies and reviews or change to existing policies;
 - Action to ensure that children know their rights; and
 - A coordinating mechanism.
4. That, as part of the development of a "Child Friendly" strategic approach, engagement take place with partners and the voluntary sector in order to secure their collaboration.
 5. That the following issues, are key priorities for children and young people in the Council's new Young People's Strategy and the focus of any projects developed as part of the Unicef Child Rights Partners scheme:

- community safety for young people and, in particular ensuring that they are able to travel safely around the borough;
- youth facilities and activities which provide fun as well as opportunities for personal, educational and social development;
- mental health and the promotion of social and emotional well-being;
- housing and, in particular, the avoidance of homelessness; and
- reducing the percentage of children living in households living in poverty.

6. **Cabinet Member Introduction**

N/A

7. **Recommendations**

7.1 That the Children's Scrutiny panel note the progress towards implementing its recommendations set out above as outlined in **Appendix 2** of the report.

8. **Reasons for decision**

8.1 N/A

9. **Alternative options considered**

9.1 N/A

10. **Contribution to strategic outcomes**

10.1 Priory 1 of the Corporate Plan – 'Enable every child and young person to have the best start in life, with high quality education' - and Priority 4 - 'Drive growth and employment from which everyone can benefit'.

11. **Statutory Officers comments (Chief Finance Officer (including procurement), Assistant Director of Corporate Governance, Equalities)**

N/A

12. **Use of Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Report of Scrutiny Panel

Appendix 2 – Response by the Children's Service to recommendations

13. **Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

NA