



**Meeting:** Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership

**Date:** 7 April 2009

**Report Title:** Children and Young People's Plan Update

**Report of:** Director of the Children and Young People's Service

### **Summary**

This report provides an update on progress with preparing the new Children and Young People's Plan.

### **Recommendations**

To note the progress to date.

### **Financial Comments**

The costs associated with the preparation of the CYPP in terms of staff time and printing will be met by partners. The staff and printing costs in the Children and Young People's Service will be met from agreed service budgets.

### **Legal Comments**

All Children's Services are required to have a CYPP in place. The CYPP enables all partners to work together for the benefit of children and young people to achieve the targets and ambitions contained in the plan. An annual evaluation is a requirement

### **Equalities Implications**

Some universal services are delivered for all children and young people and their families by the services represented on the partnership. A key focus for all services is to narrow the gaps thereby improving young people's life chances. All young people need support to be able to achieve and in the majority of cases support is provided through the young person's family and universal services especially schools. In some cases young people need access to additional help and support through targeted support services. The CYPSP will ensure that the CYPP includes a focus on narrowing the gap, and ensuring that the systems and

procedures for referral, assessment and the delivery of targeted services are efficient and effective and lead to better outcomes for young people.

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**Background**

1. At the last CYPSP meeting it was agreed that the CYPSP should become a Children's Trust, and as such the new Children and Young People's Plan will be the key plan for all partners who are delivering services for children and young people. The decision at the last CYPSP meeting was to extend the current CYPP until September 2009 to allow time for the new CYPP to be prepared. The DCSF has prepared guidance for the new CYPP and the plan should be themed around the five Every Child Matters outcomes.
2. The proposal is to have a ten year strategic CYPP with three year implementation plans. The JAR Action Plan will form the first three years of the CYPP implementation plan for stay safe.

**Progress with the new CYPP**

3. Since the last CYPSP meeting there has been significant progress with the preparations and planning for the new CYPP.

**CYPP working group**

4. A partnership working group has been constituted with representatives from across the CYPSP. The group is meeting on a monthly basis until August and two sub groups have been formed by the group. One is focused on the needs assessment and the second on the consultation work that underpin the new CYPP. The intention is to form a third group from May for workforce development which will ensure that there is consideration of the CYPP from a workforce development perspective.

**Needs assessment**

5. The working group has prepared a proposal for the needs assessment which draws together existing needs assessments from across all partner groups and will include any gap analysis. The needs assessment will be presented under the five Every Child Matters outcomes and also considered across each of the three Children's Networks.

## **Consultation**

6. The working group has prepared a paper on the proposed consultation process. This includes all the stakeholders listed in the DCSF guidance and has a strong emphasis on seeking the views of children and young people. The consultation will firstly focus on the outcomes of the 2020 Vision Day with stakeholders in October 2008 and will be available on line and also in hard copy format. The results of that exercise will then feed into the second stage of consultation on the content of the CYPP. There will be a range of specific activities to gain the views of young people including an art competition.

## **Delivering the plan**

7. Once the implementation plan is at an early draft stage, probably June 2009, there will need to be a resource assessment of the plan with all partners. This will be part of the pooling and alignment of budgets and resources to ensure we can deliver the new CYPP across the partnership.

## **Format of the implementation plan**

8. There is DCSF guidance on the content of the new CYPP which helps to inform the format. The format of the implementation plan has been discussed with partners as they were keen to consider the monitoring and evaluation of the plan at an early stage of planning and as part of that discussion to start to consider possible formats.

## **9. Timeline**

A timeline as been prepared to ensure the plan is in place for September 2009.

## **Conclusion**

10. It can be seen from the summary of actions to date that all partners have worked together and made a good start on preparing for the new CYPP. It is proposed that there will be an item on future CYPSP agendas to provide an update on progress.

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