

Meeting: Children's Trust

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Report Title: Report on the New Children and Young People's Plan 2009-20

Report of: Deputy Director Schools Standards and Inclusion

Summary

This report updates the Children's Trust on the preparations for the new Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) which will be in place from September 2009.

Equalities Implications

The Consultation process was very thorough and engaged a wide range of young people, including vulnerable young people in the consultation, for example through focus groups young people who would not usually get involved were given the opportunity to contribute their views. The intention is to continue the dialogue with these groups over the forthcoming year. The Implementation Plan is subject to an Equalities Impact Assessment for each of the five Every Child Matters Outcomes.

Recommendations

- i. To note the Children and Young People's Strategic Plan 2009-2020 and give any further comments on the final draft.
- ii. To note the preparations for the Children and Young People's Implementation Plan 2009-12 and give your comments on the second draft which is in the process of being revised by the CYPP working group.
- iii. To confirm that the partner organisations have set the arrangements in place for the CYPP to be discussed and formally agreed.
- iv. To agree that the Chair of the Children's Trust can approve the final versions of the plans making up the CYPP on behalf of the Children's Trust.
- v. At the September meeting of the Children's Trust the final drafts of the CYPP will be presented to be formally approved.

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Background

The current Children and Young People's Plan will conclude in September 2009. The preparations for the new Plan are well advanced. The Plan will be in two parts the Strategic Plan which is a long term plan 2009-2020 and three year Implementation Plans the first of which is from 2009-12.

The CYPP is underpinned by a detailed Needs Assessment which was reported to the Children's Trust at the last meeting. A comprehensive Consultation was undertaken with a wide range of stakeholders, especially children and young people. A final report on the consultation is being prepared. These are coupled with the information from the final evaluation of the first Children and Young People's Plan - Changing Lives 2006-9, which together, are used to fully inform the preparations for the new CYPP.

The discussion about the new Children and Young People's Plan has been taking place through a working group represented by all Children's Trust partners. The finalisation of the CYPP will continue over the summer so that it is in place from the 1st September.

The New CYPP

The CYPP Strategic Plan and Implementation Plan will be finalised based on comments from partners and their representatives. It is proposed that final approval will be with the Chair of the Children's Trust so that the new CYPP can be available within six weeks of the conclusion of the current CYPP.

Finance and Resourcing of the Implementation Plan

There will be financial implications for delivering the outcomes from the Children and Young People's Plan which will need to be assessed in due course. The Children's Trust will be able to influence the way in which funding available to partner agencies is used to improve outcomes for children, young people, and their families, and plan for the integration and alignment of budgets. A working group of finance colleagues from Partners are working on the possibility of pooling and aligning budgets. The DCSF guidance is that as a minimum, the new CYPP requires a statement on the intentions of partners with regard to finance/resources.

Legal Framework

All Children's Services are required to have a Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) in place by virtue of the provisions of the Children and Young People's Plan (England) Regulations 2005 and Section 17 of the Children Act 2004. 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. The Authority is required to consult a wide range of stakeholders and partners in the formulation of the plan to take effect after September 2009. The new plan should be published no later than 6 weeks after the end of the period covered by the current plan.

Conclusion

The CYPP is the plan of the Children's Trust. It will be in place by September and will be the plan for all agencies working with children and young people in Haringey.

Appendix 1

The Draft Children and Young People's Strategic Plan 2009-20