

Executive**On 14 March 2006**

Report Title: Children and Young People's Plan 2006-09

Report of: **Director of The Children's Service**

Wards(s) affected: All

Report for: Key decision

1. Purpose

1.1 To present the Children and Young People's Plan 2006-09 for agreement.

2. Introduction by Executive Member

2.1 I am pleased to present this three year plan for children and young people in the borough which has been developed in partnership with all agencies and organisations working with children and young people and was subject to a major public consultation during January and February of this year. It outlines 20 key priorities where there is widespread consensus that progress in these areas will **Change Lives** over the next three years. I commend this plan and ask for the Executive's approval

3. Recommendations

3.1 That Members approve the Children and Young People's Plan 2006-09

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4. Executive Summary

4.1 Under the Children Act 2004 every Children's Services Authority has a duty to produce a strategic plan for the delivery of services to children and young people in conjunction with partners.

- 4.2 The plan is to cover the delivery of all services for all children and young people aged 0-19 and for some young people over the age of 19.
- 4.3 The plan is the local strategy for how all partners will work towards improving the life chances and outcomes for children and young people living in or using services in their area.

5. Reasons for any change in policy or for new policy development (if applicable)

5.1 This is a requirement under the Children Act 2004.

6. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

6.1 Children and Young People's Plan 2005-06

6.2 Knowing our Children and Young People - Planning for their Futures. A needs assessment to inform our Children and Young People's Plan 2006-9

6.3 Growing Up in Haringey Annual Public Health report

6.4 Guidance on the Children and Young People's Plan DfES 2005

7. Background

7.1 Under section 10 of the Children Act 2004 each Children's Services Authority (CSA) must make arrangements to promote co-operation with all relevant bodies to improve the well being of the children and young people in their area. Partner organisations named in the Act have a duty to cooperate with the CSA in this endeavour.

7.2 One expression of this duty is the requirement to produce a strategic plan for children and young people. Following the introduction of the Act the Government introduced guidance for production of the Plan during 2005.

7.3 Strategic plans must be produced by 1 April 2006 and cover the following three years. They must be developed together with partners and in consultation with children and young people and the local community.

7.4 Haringey had also produced a one year strategic plan for 2005-06 ahead of the guidance.

8. Description

8.1 Prior to writing the plan wide spread consultation has taken place (see below). A needs assessment has been produced "Knowing our Children and Young People - Planning for their Futures" and the annual health report of HTPCT "Growing Up in Haringey" also focused on children and young people.

8.2 The plan has been drawn up in response to:

- the Government guidance
- the views and opinions collected during consultation

- the results of the needs assessment and the annual health report.

8.3 The development has been overseen by the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership

8.4 The plan has been formed around the five outcomes set out in the Children Act; be healthy, stay safe; enjoy and achieve; make a positive contribution; and achieve economic well being. An additional section focuses on vulnerable children and young people.

8.5 The full plan is attached at *appendix A*.

9. Consultation

9.1 Consultation has been carried out over the last 12 months in a variety of formats with a wide range of people.

9.2 Several consultation events were held with young people. They include the "Come and Be Heard" conference for 150 young people last July, a question time event in October and the recent "Safer Solutions" conference held in February 2006.

9.3 A major multi -agency event for over 400 practitioners "Improving Outcomes for Children and Young People in Haringey" was held in September 2005. This was followed by consultation at HarCEN's annual conference.

9.4 Presentations have also been made at a range of forums and meetings to give as many people as possible the chance to make comments and observations.

9.5 The results of the consultations and surveys were used to develop 13 priorities. These were the subject of formal consultation between 16 January and 24 February 2006. A formal consultation leaflet was designed by Exposure, a design agency that specialises in working with young people. 25,000 of these leaflets have been distributed across Haringey and it was also available on the Council's website. The leaflet includes a freepost tear off slip for people to return comments.

9.6 A full list of the consultation events and surveys is attached at *appendix B*.

10. Recommendations

10.1 That Members approve the Children and Young People's Plan 2006.

11. Financial Implications

11.1 The funding of this plan is part of the budget share of the Children's Service together with any future and pooled budgets that may be developed with any of the partners represented on the CYPSP. Since these 20 priorities have been agreed across all relevant agencies the funding of these priorities are expected to be prioritised within all relevant budgets.

12. Comments of the Director of Finance

12.1 As outlined in paragraph 11, above, there are no direct financial implications associated with accepting the recommendations contained within this report. It is

important, however, that the plan is subject to the same budget monitoring and management arrangements that are in place for the remainder of the Children's Service and it will be expected that the Plan is reported upon, as necessary, as part of on-going monitoring arrangements.

13. Comments of the Head of Legal Services

13.1 The Head of Legal Services has been consulted on the content of this report and its appendices, which includes the proposed Children and Young People's Plan 2006-9. The Authority is under a duty to prepare such a plan under the provisions of both Section 10 of the Children Act 2004 and the Children and Young People's Plan Regulations 2005. The proposed plan meets the statutory requirements set out in the 2004 Act, the 2005 Regulations and the appropriate statutory guidance.

14. Equalities Implications

14.1 The purpose of the Children and Young People's Plan is to improve the outcomes and the life chances of all children and young people in Haringey, and especially the most vulnerable. There are specific priorities in relation to children with disabilities, reducing discrimination, and improving attainment from young people from all communities. An equalities impact assessment has been carried out.

LIST OF APPENDICES

- Appendix A – Children and Young People's Plan 2006-09
- Appendix B – list of consultation events.

APPENDIX B – Surveys and Consultation

Survey Data

- LBH Children in Need User Experience Survey 2005
- Attitudes to School Questionnaire – Collated responses from Haringey Primary Schools (2004)
- Attitudes to School Questionnaire – Collated responses from Haringey Secondary Schools (2004)

2005 - Consultation/Discussion Events

- 25 January – Early Years DCP consultation event for parents
- 4 April – event involving children aged 5-11
- 7 July – ‘Come and be heard’ Young Persons Conference - a consultation event for 150 children and young people to come and share their views on the 5 Outcomes.
- September 14 – Children and Young People Strategic Partnership conference - ‘Improving Outcomes for Children and Young People in Haringey’ Multi agency event for over 400 practitioners from across the borough. External speakers at this event included Al Aynsley-Green The Children’s Commissioner , Anne Jackson DfES, Althea Efunshile DfES.
- September 28 - consultation at HarCEN annual conference on the development of the Children and Young Peoples Plan 06-09. This conference was aimed at professionals working within the Voluntary Sector from across Haringey.
- 19 October – ‘Question Time’ participation event for 60 young people from across the borough, allowing them to pose questions to a panel of senior representatives. These included representation from Haringey Council, Metropolitan Police, Primary Care Trust and the Executive member for Children and Young People .
- 27 October – A multi-agency debate involving a number of professionals working with children and young people on the content and development of the Children and Young People Plan 06-09. This meeting was used to sound out key priority areas.

Presentations on the Children and Young People’s Plan to the following groups who were given the opportunity to comment on the emerging priorities for the Plan;

- 3 November – Partnership Forum

- 17 November - Local Safeguarding Children Board
- 21 November - Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership
- 22 November – Under 5's Play and Childcare Forum
- 22 November – Gypsy Travellers team meeting
- 6 December - Secondary Heads meeting
- 6 December – Over 11 carers
- 7 December - Primary Heads meeting
- 9 December – SEN Managers Awayday

2006 **Consultation/Discussion Events**

- 9 and 11 January – Governors Annual Conference
- 16 January – 24 February Formal consultation via consultation leaflet available in hard copy and on public website.
- 2 February - Safer Solutions conference with young people