

Title of paper:	Performance Reporting for Children's Partnership Board	
Report to:	Children's Partnership Board	
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Relevant Council Plan themes(s):		
Provide early, effective support and protection to children, young people and families		Yes
Nurture and support strong, healthy families		Yes
Increase children and young people's emotional resilience and the maturity of their decision-making		Yes
Ensure that all our children, young people and families are provided with a sound foundation for lifelong learning and progression into skilled economic activity		Yes
Reduce deprivation and its impact on children and young people		Yes
Summary of issues (including benefits to customers/service users):		
<p>In order to drive forward improvements in performance, the Children's Partnership Board and Senior Officers Group require integrated partner performance information against the CYPP. This report outlines the proposals for meeting this need.</p> <p>The issue is to determine the nature, content and frequency of performance information that is required by the Children's Partnership Board (CPB) and the Senior Officer Group (SOG) and identify and agree the resource and process required to satisfy this need.</p> <p>The CPB and SOG require this information in order to assess performance against the Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) priorities and direct appropriate action to ensure the objectives of the CYPP are met.</p>		
Recommendations:		
1	That the CPB receives quarterly performance information as an exceptions summary. The first performance information will be available for the October Board.	

1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Performance information is currently managed within individual agencies, with significant variety in the way the information is reported, the way it is aligned to the CYPP, the level of detail seen, the reporting structure and frequency. As a first step in developing the City's Children's Partnership a joint approach is being developed, to provide a unified approach to reporting against the CYPP across all partners in the Children's Partnership. This is a critical step in ensuring that the Children's Partnership meets its requirement to deliver the CYPP. One key factor in the ability of the CPB to take action required to deliver the CYPP will be the ability to share accurate and timely performance information across the partnership in a way that has not previously been in place.
- 1.2 The SOG has made performance information a central component of its monthly meetings. This performance information will be structured by the 15 key priorities of the Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP). A report is under development.
- 1.3 The CPB is therefore required to agree the level of performance information it would like to receive.

2 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 Each partner in the SOG has agreed to provide support to enable the development and delivery of the required performance information. In order to be able to provide the required performance information to the CPB in October, a number of steps have been agreed:
 - a performance lead in each partner will provide support in the development and delivery of the report, this will create a network across existing roles undertaking this activity in the partnership.
 - The report will be structured around the 15 CYPP priorities and include all relevant National Indicators. Each partner will recommend additional measures that will enable a more complete assessment of performance against each priority.
 - The report will include comparator information, historic trend, targets and be RAG (Red, Amber, and Green) rated, although not all this information will be available for all measures.

There will be too much information in the SOG performance report for the CPB; therefore the basis of this recommendation is that the SOG will agree the exceptions to be raised in the performance report to the CPB.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 A summary report on a less frequent basis, with a potential justification that many of the measures and indicators would not be able to have updated information on a monthly basis. This option would fail to enable the CPB to discuss performance on a frequent enough basis and was therefore rejected.
- 3.2 To receive an exceptions report with only those indicators that require partnership discussion and remedial action. This is considered too narrow a focus as the CPB should be able to acknowledge and learn from areas of success as well as focus on areas requiring attention.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY)

None.

5 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES (INCLUDING LEGAL IMPLICATIONS, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS AND EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS)

5.1 Some performance information held within partners is not currently able to be split out into elements that have an impact on CYP

5.2 Information sharing becomes a barrier

5.3 Information quality is not sufficient

5.4 Failure to make full use of the performance information resulting in poorer decision making, or failure to agree across the partners what the performance information is actually telling us

5.5 The measures provided do not enable a full enough understanding of performance

6 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION

6.1 None

7 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

7.1 Children and Young People's Plan