



**NOTTINGHAM
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PROUD OF NOTTINGHAM'S CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Title of paper:	CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN: REVIEW AND DELIVERY (REVISED REPORT)	
Report to:	Children's Partnership Board	
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Relevant Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) objectives(s):		
Provide early, effective support and protection to children, young people and families		√
Nurture and support strong, healthy families		√
Increase children and young people's emotional resilience and the maturity of their decision-making		√
Ensure that all our children, young people and families are provided with a sound foundation for lifelong learning and progression into skilled economic activity		√
Reduce deprivation and its impact on children and young people		√
Summary of issues (including benefits to customers/service users):		
<p>The revision to the CYPP and delivery plans should ensure that the strategic planning framework remains relevant and effective to service delivery. It provides the basis to engage service users (and potential service users) in shaping and targeting services to meet their needs.</p>		
Recommendations:		
1	That the Partnership Board adopt the revised CYPP as the starting point for a review of the Plan.	

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1. REASON:

There is a statutory obligation to review the CYPP annually; there is now an opportunity to link the plan directly to the Sustainable Community Strategy and to ensure that progress in delivery of its priorities is performance managed. A deeper review, in consultation with stakeholders is recommended and will lead to the adoption of a revised CYPP by the Children's Partnership Board in the summer of 2010

2. SUMMARY:

This report provides a revised text for the CYPP 2008-11 to take account of the changes since its adoption in 2008. It also provides delivery plans formatted to show the contribution of each ECM partnership to the current priorities.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Partnership Board adopt the revised CYPP as the starting point for a wider and deeper review of the Plan.

4. BACKGROUND AND PROPOSALS

The Apprenticeships, Children, Skills and Learning Bill was introduced into the House of Commons in February 2009. It is expected to receive Royal Assent in the autumn. The new Act will extend the existing duty to cooperate to promote children's well-being to include all maintained schools, academies, SFCs, FE colleges and Jobcentre Plus. It will also place a duty on the members of the Children's Partnership Board to prepare, publish and monitor a strategic Children and Young People's Plan for the local area.

(i.) CYPP Revision

Our Children and Young People's Plan 2008-11 (CYPP) was approved and launched in June 2008. There is a statutory obligation to review it annually – though it was decided to delay the review while the Sustainable Community Strategy was finalised; this has now occurred.

The revised CYPP text is attached (**attachment 1**)

Changes include:

- Reference has been made to the Sustainable Community Strategy and the CYPP's role in delivering its 2020 Strategy in respect of the *Family Nottingham* theme.
- The importance of raising the aspirations of families suffering from multiple deprivation has been emphasised – a sixth strategic objective has been added
- The new governance arrangements and the leading role now played by the Children's Partnership Board has been documented.
- Early Intervention developments and the use of the common assessment framework since early 2008 has been explained
- The economic downturn and Laming 2 are referred to as major influences shaping the demand for and delivery of children and young people's services.
- The text has been generally revised to reflect where we are now.

(ii) The Delivery Plans

Eight Delivery Plans were prepared and published on the Integrated Children's Services website in 2008. However, lines of accountability and clear processes to performance manage them were unclear.

The Executive Group of the former Strategic Partnership was re-constituted as a Task and Finish Group in April with a remit to prepare revised delivery plans for the Children's Partnership Board in collaboration with the ECM-based sub partnerships.

The Group has submitted five revised delivery plans which have been signed off by the by the Senior Officer's Group. They may be viewed on the Children's Partnership website, <http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/ics/index.aspx?articleid=121> from Friday 16th October.

The Senior Officer Group will performance manage the CYPP through named leads for the 15 CYPP priorities and exception reporting.

NB the earlier draft versions of these plans which were distributed last week have been recalled).

(iii) CYPP Review 2009-10

The revised CYPP may be regarded as the first step in a more fundamental review needed to ensure the plan remains relevant to the challenge of improving outcomes for children and young people in a rapidly changing social and economic environment. In particular it will be necessary to engage the community in the discussion on whether our priorities remain the right ones and how we can improve our effectiveness in improving the outcomes for children and young people – in particular those at risk of poor outcomes and under-achievement of their real potential.

5. RISKS:

The risks of reviewing the CYPP are that expectations of change may run ahead of our ability to deliver them, and that re-prioritisation may alienate stakeholders who perceive they are disadvantaged.

The risk of not reviewing the CYPP is that we may breach Government regulations which stipulate an annual review of the CYPP and consultation with stakeholders on progress. It is also unlikely the CYPP can remain effective as a strategic framework for partnership action without further revision.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The review will require partnership funding and commitment of staff time to undertake a comprehensive review;

Outcomes from the CYPP review may require adjustments to the City Council's Medium Term Financial Plan and Partner budgets if unmet needs are identified in priority areas or current activities are de-prioritised.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

"The CYPP must be reviewed each year unless the local authority is publishing a new plan. During the review the local authority shall consult and publish the result" (Children and Young People's Plan (England) 2005.)

8. CLIENT GROUP:

The CYPP is the single over-arching plan for services to children and young people (0-19) and their families. It has a particular focus on improving outcomes for vulnerable children and young people

9. IMPACT ON EQUALITIES ISSUES

It is intended to engage hard to reach groups in the review process . The Plan 's focus is on narrowing the gap and promoting measures to bring about a more equal society

10. OUTCOMES AND PRIORITIES AFFECTED:

The review may lead to re-consideration of the current priorities following extensive consultation and analysis.

11. CONTACT DETAILS:

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