

CITY COUNCIL - 27 MARCH 2006

REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

NOTTINGHAM CITY CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN 2006-2009

1 SUMMARY

The Children Act 2004 requires every local authority to produce a Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) by 1 April 2006 in order to meet the requirements set out in '*Every Child Matters*'¹. This report outlines the background to developing the Nottingham City CYPP and requests Members' approval of the plan as required by the Act. The CYPP has been circulated separately.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

IT IS RECOMMENDED that:-

- 2.1 the Nottingham City Children and Young People's Plan 2006-2009 be approved, subject to any amendments made at the Executive Board meeting of 21 March 2006;
- 2.2 the commitment to produce a summary version of the Plan, which is accessible to all, particularly to children and young people be noted.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 '*Every Child Matters*' requires local areas to develop more integrated services for children, young people and their families which bring about improvements against five key outcomes; being healthy, staying safe, enjoying and achieving, making a positive contribution and achieving economic wellbeing.

¹ For further details please see the Every Child Matters website: <http://www.everychildmatters.gov.uk>

- 3.2 The Strategic Partnership for Children, Young People and their Families in Nottingham has been key in leading the required change programme through its Executive Group in order to develop integrated governance, strategy, processes and front line delivery arrangements for children and young people's services in the City.
- 3.3 The CYPP sets out ambitions and intentions about how all agencies in the partnership will work, the priorities for children and young people and the actions that will be taken by all agencies to improve outcomes. It is central in providing the strategic direction for all services to children and young people and has been produced in partnership taking into account the views of children and young people and key stakeholders.
- 3.4 The CYPP sets out how agencies will work together to improve outcomes in the following priority areas:-
- Reducing teenage conceptions.
 - Reducing substance misuse.
 - Reducing the number of children who die before they are two.
 - Improving the mental and physical health outcomes for children and young people.
 - Ensuring that all children are safeguarded.
 - Raising educational attainment, particularly for priority groups.
 - Ensuring that children and young people are more fully engaged in education and learning.
 - Reducing the numbers of young people not in education, employment and training (NEET), particularly in priority groups.
 - Providing support to parents to enable their children to maximise their potential.
- 3.5 In addition, the plan focuses on better outcomes for vulnerable children and young people and in particular priority groups of children and young people including:-
- Looked After Children and Young People;
 - Children and Young People with disabilities;
 - Children and Young People from Black and minority ethnic groups.
- 3.6 The plan also sets out how agencies will work together and how the views of children, young people, their parents and carers will be

embedded in the design, delivery and evaluation of services. It outlines what partners will do and why, how partners will performance manage progress and how our resources will be used and the workforce developed to provide the services that are needed.

3.7 The Plan will be implemented through:-

- a Commissioning Strategy, which will provide a direct mechanism for developing new integrated services through joint commissioning and, ultimately through the pooling of budgets;
- alignment of operational plans and budgets of the partnership to deliver or contribute to the targets;
- the development of a performance management framework to measure progress in improving outcomes.

3.8 The Plan was developed through a consultative and inclusive process involving a range of partners and agencies. Throughout this process outcome focused sub-partnerships have met a number of times to determine priorities and strategic actions. In addition a range of partners have been worked with to ensure that the CYPP reflects the broad support of all partners and agencies including, Headteachers, groups of Children and Young People, Connexions, City Council Departments and the Area Child Protection Committee (ACPC).

3.9 A further period of consultation was held from 23/01/06 – 10/02/06. A total of 30 responses were received as a result. 20 responses were received to the question **‘Do you think that the CYPP will support more integrated and effective services to secure improved outcomes for children and young people in Nottingham?’** Of these 5 responded with **fully**, 13 with **broadly**, and 2 with **partly** - there were no **will not** responses. The majority of responses were positive with comprehensive suggestions for improvements.

3.10 An Equalities Impact Assessment has been carried out on the Plan. The assessment concluded that:-

‘The plan is well written and has attempted to be comprehensive in its approach. The key recommendations which are made relate primarily

to a need to more widely recognise some additional issues affecting groups of children and young people.'

- 3.11 The CYPP was considered by the Children and Young People's Standing Panel at its meeting of 7 February 2006 and Members' comments were fed into the consultation feedback.
- 3.12 The consultation responses, recommendations of the Equalities Impact Assessment and comments from Members of the Children and Young People's Standing Panel have all been taken into account in amending and updating the plan.

4 PROPOSALS

- 4.1 The Nottingham City CYPP 2006-2009 is approved and published.
- 4.2. A summary version of the plan is produced, which is accessible to all, particularly to children and young people.
- 4.3 The CYPP is to be in place from April 2006 and covers the period 2006-2009. It will be updated annually.

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

NONE.

6 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

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