

# Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

## Report of Corporate Director Department for People To Cabinet

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### Southend Children and Young People's Plan 2014 - 2015 People Scrutiny Committee: Councillor Courtenay A Part 1 Public Agenda Item

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#### 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To present the 2014-15 Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) for consideration.

#### 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the 2014-15 Children and Young People's Plan is agreed.

#### 3. Background

- 3.1 The CYPP co-ordinates the work of agencies working with children and families in Southend.
- 3.2 The proposed 2014-15 CYPP builds on previous plans and reflects the priorities of the Council and the Success for All Children Group to secure an ongoing improvement in outcomes. The priorities have been endorsed by the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Local Safeguarding Children Board
- 3.3 This updated plan takes account of:
- The areas for improvement identified in our 2012 Safeguarding and Looked After Children Inspection.
  - The progress we have made in achieving the actions which we set out in the CYPP 2014-15.
  - Our needs analysis and regular monitoring, review and self assessment.

#### 4. Other Options

- 4.1 There is an option not to have a CYPP plan but this is not recommended. Ofsted highlighted our CYPP as a key plank in supporting our outstanding partnership working and capacity to improve.

## **5. Reasons for Recommendations**

- 5.1 This Children and Young People's Plan has been developed and endorsed by the Success for All Children Group and supports the Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy aims.
- 5.2 The priorities and actions in this Children and Young People's Plan build on previous plans, self-assessment, external assessment and wide consultation and will assist in maintaining or improving our good performance.
- 5.2 The plan gives a clear focus to the work on the Success for All Children Group and enables resources across all agencies to be directed at those actions that will make the biggest improvement in outcomes for children and young people and their families.

## **6. Corporate Implications**

### **6.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities**

Achieving the priorities and strategic actions set out in the proposed Southend Children and Young People's Plan 2014-15 will contribute to the Council's vision and aims to create a better Southend - safe, healthy, prosperous and excellent. It will also meet the Council's priorities of: reducing crime and disorder and anti-social behaviour; improving outcomes for vulnerable children; enhancing the prosperity of Southend and its residents; increasing the life chances of people living in Southend and becoming a higher performing organisation.

### **6.2 Financial Implications**

This plan is deliverable within the resources available within the Council and its partner agencies.

### **6.3 Legal Implications**

None.

### **6.4 People Implications**

None.

### **6.5 Property Implications**

None.

### **6.6 Consultation**

This plan has been devised through discussion and consultation with the agencies and organisations which constitute the Southend Children's Partnership, Schools, and the Local Safeguarding Children Board. We undertook the annual on line questionnaire of children and young people in 2013. The plan has also been considered and approved by the Health and Well

Being Board. The priorities proposed for 2013-2014 were supported by the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee in January 2013.

#### 6.7 Equalities and Diversity Implications

The proposed plan will help to promote equalities by focussing on improving outcomes for all children and young people and narrowing the gap between those who do well and those who do not. There is also an emphasis on improving outcomes for children and young people with learning difficulties and disability.

#### 6.8 Risk Assessment

The Plan is regularly monitored and any risk of not completing or delivering actions is reviewed. Corrective actions are taken where needed.

#### 6.9 Value for Money

Agreeing key priorities and actions ensures that resources available are targeted at those areas needing most improvement.

#### 6.10 Community Safety Implications

The proposed plan includes a number of strategies and planned actions for keeping children and young people safe, for example, from abuse and exploitation, bullying and tackling substance misuse.

#### 6.11 Environmental Impact

None.

### 7. Background Papers

7.1 None.

### 8. Appendices

8.1 **Appendix 1 – Proposed Children and Young People's Plan 2014-15**

