

# Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Report of Corporate Director of Children & Learning  
to  
**Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny  
Committee**

on  
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## Proposed Southend Children and Young People's Plan Priorities 2012 - 2013

Executive Councillor: Councillor James Courtenay

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### 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To seek the views of the Children & Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee on the Success for All Group draft priorities for the 2013 – 2013 Children and Young People Plan.

### 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **The Committees views are sought.**

### 3. Background

- 3.1 In order to develop the proposed priorities the Success for All Group has undertaken an annual review of needs drawn from service users, partners and intelligence on outcomes based on performance data. The proposed 2013-14 priorities for the Children and Young People's Plan reflect previous plans, and continue to reflect the priorities of the Council and the Success for All Children Group to secure ongoing improvement in outcomes.

- 3.2 This updated plan takes account of:

- The areas for improvement identified in our 2012 Ofsted letter and inspection of Safeguarding and Looked after Children's Services.
- The progress we have made in achieving the actions which we set out in the CYPP 2012-13.
- Our needs analysis, regular monitoring, review and self assessment, which has enabled us to identify our key areas for improvement.

### 4. Other Options

- 4.1 The report does not contain any other options. .

## **5. Reasons for Recommendations**

- 5.1 The proposed priorities build on previous plans, self-assessment, external assessment and wide consultation and will assist in our journey towards outstanding performance.

## **6. Corporate Implications**

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

Achieving the priorities 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: 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

The plan will be deliverable within the resources available for children's services within the Council and in partner agencies.

### 6.3 Legal Implications

None

### 6.4 People Implications

None.

### 6.5 Property Implications

None.

### 6.6 Consultation

The Priorities have been devised through discussion and consultation with the agencies and organisations which constitute the Success for All Group, Schools, and the Local Safeguarding Children Board. We undertook an on line questionnaire of children and young people and families in 2010, 2011 and 2012.

### 6.7 Equalities and Diversity Implications

The priorities 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

There is an associated risk register which is reviewed by the Success for All Children Group.

### 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 priorities will be supported by a plan and 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

None.

## 8. Appendices

### 8.1 Appendix 1 – Draft Priorities