

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 2016 – 2017

People Scrutiny Committee: Councillor Anne Jones

A Part 1 Public Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To present the 2016-17 Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) for consideration.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the 2016-17 Children and Young People's Plan attached at Appendix 1 be approved.
- 2.2 That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director for People in consultation with the Portfolio holder for Children and Learning to approve the final detailed delivery plan.

3. Background

- 3.1 The CYPP co-ordinates the work of agencies working with children and families in Southend.
- 3.2 The proposed 2016-17 CYPP builds on previous plans and reflects the priorities of the Council and the Success for All Children Group to secure an on-going improvement in outcomes for children and young people.
- 3.3 Our Children and Young People's Plan highlights the key areas of focus for improvement during 2016 – 2017 which have been identified in our Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and through the knowledge of the partnership.
- 3.4 Each section of the plan sets out the issues and identifies the key, but not exclusive, delivery strategies that will help us to address these areas. The strategies are both existing strategies implemented as a result of previous Children and Young People's plans and new initiatives resulting from our refreshed JSNA evidence.

4. Other Options

- 4.1 There is an option not to have a CYPP but this is not recommended. Ofsted highlighted our CYPP as a key plank in supporting our Outstanding 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 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 set out in the proposed Southend Children and Young People's Plan 2016-17 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 in 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.

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 – Draft Children and Young People's Plan 2016-17**