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REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES

Children and Young People Plan 2007-2009

Purpose of report

1. To inform County Council of the Children and Young People Plan (CYPP) submitted to Ofsted in line with requirements of the Children Act 2004.

Information and advice

Background

2. The Children Act 2004 requires Local Authorities to work in Partnership with key agencies to improve the five key outcomes for Children and Young People as a major part of the Every Child Matters Agenda.
3. The Children and Young People Plan is an important element of this agenda and should be viewed as a powerful force in helping to drive forward better local integration of children's services and in developing the children's trust partnership arrangements.
4. There are no prescribed formats for producing the Plan as it is important that the Plan shows genuine differentiated planning and prioritisation to take account of local needs and circumstances.
5. There are common themes however that should be considered in all Children and Young People Plans, these are:
 - Priorities and targets for improving outcomes should be specific
 - The Every Child Matters agenda should be reflected
 - Clear objectives should be set, explaining processes and actions
 - Links between the needs analysis, priorities, target outcomes, actions and milestones should be clear.
6. There is a statutory requirement to annually review the Children and Young People Plan and this process will replace the Local Authority's

annual self assessment for the purpose of Ofsted's Annual Performance Assessment and the Joint Area Review.

Nottinghamshire Partnership Children and Young People Plan 2007-2009

7. In 2006 Nottinghamshire produced a 1 year Interim Children and Young People Plan in consultation with key partners, children, young people, parents and carers. This enabled us to engage key stakeholders in determining the priorities for children and young people in Nottinghamshire through the development of a holistic and comprehensive needs assessment.
8. The development of the Children and Young People Plan 2007-2009 has had full engagement of all partners including children and young people themselves and has been contributed to by all services across Nottinghamshire.
9. The Plan sets out the vision and the collective priorities for 2007-2009 and how we intend to achieve them.
10. The priorities and targets from the Children and Young People's Block of the Nottinghamshire Local Area Agreement (LAA) is integrated within the Plan which also reflects other strategies and plans both local and National.
11. The Children and Young People Strategic Partnership has agreed six strategic priorities for the period 2007-2009.
 1. To work together to promote the welfare of all children and young people in Nottinghamshire and to keep them safe.
 2. To enhance partnership working by developing a coherent framework to engage all partners (including schools, general practitioners and the voluntary and private sectors) in order to deliver improved outcomes for children and young people. We recognise that parents and carers are our key partners in this.
 3. To improve services and outcomes for vulnerable groups of children and young people.
 4. To ensure the active participation of children, young people and their families in shaping the design and delivery of our services.
 5. To improve the attainment and achievement of all children and young people, including targeted action to improve outcomes for low achieving groups.
 6. to facilitate a range of early intervention and prevention actions to achieve optimum outcomes for children and young people and their families.
12. We will achieve these priorities through:
 - our arrangements for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people through the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Board including implementing section 11 arrangements across the Partnership.

- The ongoing development of our services to enable children and young people to develop their capacity and skills to increase their resilience to risk.
 - The utilisation of new initiatives and agreed strategies across the county to provide more integrated and cohesive local services for children and young people through children's centres, the voluntary, community and private sectors, extended services offered in and around schools, locality teams and neighbourhood initiatives.
 - Arrangements to develop the skills and expertise of our staff by implementing the workforce strategy.
 - Integrating the planning, commissioning and decommissioning of services at a county and local level.
 - Developing flexible and high quality services that are targeted and appropriate to achieve equal access for children and young people to achieve good outcomes and provide best value for money.
 - Ensuring all partners achieve the "Hear by Right" standards, by implementing our children and young people's participation strategy.
 - Ensuring that parents and carers have access to support appropriate to their needs by implementing our parent support strategy.
 - Using the Common Assessment Framework, Contact Point and integrated training to develop shared language, tools and processes to better describe and meet individual needs.
13. Several children and young people have been closely involved in the development of the Nottinghamshire Plan logo, layout and design and will be developing a children and young people version throughout 2007.
14. The Nottinghamshire Partnership Children and Young People Plan can be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/changeforchildren/changeforchildrenandyoungpeoplechildrenandyoungpeoplesplan.htm>

Statutory and policy implications

15. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, personnel, crime and disorder and those using the service. Where such implications are material, they have been described in the text of the report. Attention is, however, drawn to the following:-

Equal opportunities implications

16. The EIA form that has been completed for this report is listed as a background paper to the report. The Plan has undergone an equality and diversity impact assessment.

Implications for service users

17. The Plan will ensure that the children and young people of Nottinghamshire will be able to access integrated services to improve their life chances and to help maximise their potential.

RECOMMENDATION

18. That the plan is noted by the County Council.

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Legal Services' comments (KS/6.6.2007)

19. This report is for noting only.

Strategic Director of Resources' financial comments (NDR)

20. Nil.

Background papers available for inspection

Children and Young People Plan

Electoral division(s) affected

Nottinghamshire

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