

**REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S
COMMITTEE**

CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES PLAN 2014-16

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval of Nottinghamshire's Children, Young People and Families Plan for the period April 2014 to March 2016 (attached as **Appendix 1**) as recommended by the Children and Young People's Committee.

Information and Advice

2. The Children, Young People and Families Plan (CYPF Plan) 2014-16 will be the strategic plan of Nottinghamshire Children's Trust and will replace the existing plan for 2011 to 2014. It describes how Nottinghamshire County Council will fulfil its statutory responsibility, as the lead partner in the Children's Trust, to make arrangements to promote co-operation to improve children's well-being (Children Act 2004).
3. Nottinghamshire Children's Trust is a partnership of organisations that commission or provide services to children, young people or families in Nottinghamshire. The Children's Trust is the children's commissioning sub-group of the Health and Wellbeing Board for Nottinghamshire and the priorities within the CYPF Plan will be included in Nottinghamshire's Health and Wellbeing Strategy for 2014-16.
4. The CYPF Plan is the single overarching strategic plan covering services for children and young people in Nottinghamshire, as represented on the Children's Trust Board. It does not detail all the services of the partner organisations within the Children's Trust but instead focuses on coordinated planning or integrated commissioning in order to improve outcomes for children, young people or their families.
5. The CYPF Plan identifies five priorities for action, and describes how partner organisations will take action towards achieving these priorities. It also lists the outcomes indicators that will be used to monitor performance. The five priorities are to:
 - Work together to keep children and young people safe
 - Improve children and young people's health outcomes through the integrated commissioning of services
 - Close the gap in educational attainment between disadvantaged children and young people and their peers, and so enable all to achieve their potential

- Provide children and young people with the early help support that they need
 - Deliver integrated services for children and young people with complex needs or disabilities.
6. The CYPF Plan was developed by the County Council and partner agencies within the Children's Trust, with contributions from representatives of the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board (NSCB). The main evidence base for planning was the children's chapter of Nottinghamshire's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), which identifies the current and future health and wellbeing needs of the local population. Planning was also informed by data on the performance of the County Council's services, and of partner organisations, as well as inspection findings. The draft priorities for the CYPF Plan were included in the public consultation on the Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Nottinghamshire, which ran from June to September 2013. Responses to this consultation informed the development of the CYPF Plan.
7. To supplement the CYPF Plan, the Children's Trust will publish annual delivery plans, which will provide more detail on specific actions and responsibilities. These will be approved by the Children and Young People's Committee prior to publication.

Other Options Considered

8. Although there is no statutory requirement for Children's Trusts to produce a joint plan, Nottinghamshire Children's Trust has taken the view that such a plan is needed to provide clarity about activities and responsibilities as well as a framework for managing performance improvement.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

9. The CYPF Plan 2014-16 has been devised on the basis of a rigorous needs analysis and, after consultation with Children's Trust partners and the public, through the Health and Wellbeing Strategy consultation process.

Statutory and Policy Implications

10. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, public sector equality duty, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Implications for Service Users

11. The principal service users affected are children, young people and their families, as the CYPF Plan identifies in the over-arching strategy and associated action plans for the delivery of services to them in 2014-16. The detail of this is set out in the CYPF Plan.

Financial Implications

12. Activities identified within the CYPF Plan will be financed by existing budget allocations for the County Council and partner organisations.

Public Sector Equality Duty Implications

13. The development of the CYPF Plan included an Equality Impact Assessment which is available as a background paper. This concluded that the plan was likely to have a positive impact for service users, as it aims to reduce inequalities, by identifying need and working together to address this, within available resources.

Crime and Disorder Implications

14. The Children's Trust will support work to address crime and disorder, while recognising that responsibility for this work rests with the Safer Nottinghamshire Board.

Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults Implications

15. The CYPF Plan identifies how partner organisations within the Children's Trust will work together to safeguard children and promote their welfare. The detail of this is set out in the plan document.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the Nottinghamshire Children, Young People and Families Plan 2014-16 be approved.

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Constitutional Comments (LM 17/02/14)

16. The recommendations in the report fall within the remit of the Policy Committee.

Financial Comments (KLA 11/02/14)

17. The financial implications of the plan are set out in paragraph 12 above, there are no financial implications arising directly from the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) for Nottinghamshire

<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/thecouncil/plans/strategydevelopment/joint-strategic-needs-assessment/>

Children, Young People and Families Plan 2014-16 – report to Children and Young People’s Committee on 10 February 2014

Equality Impact Assessment

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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