



meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

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## REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

### The Children and Young People Plan 2009 – 2011

#### Purpose of report

1. To gain approval for the Children and Young People's Plan for the period 2009 to 2011.

#### Information and advice

##### Background

2. Article 4 of the County Council's Constitution sets out the range of documents which form the County Council's policy framework, all of which need to be formally adopted by the full County Council. One of those is the Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP), and approval is sought from the County Council to the new plan, covering the period 2009-2011 (**attached for Members only**).
3. The publication of the CYPP is a statutory requirement arising from the Children and Young People's Plan (England) Regulations 2005. The CYPP sets out the strategy for the Council with specified partners in relation to the services for children and young people aged 0-19 years, young people aged 20 years and over leaving care and young people up to the age of 25 years with learning difficulties.
4. The Children and Young People Plan is the single overarching strategic plan covering services for children and young people in Nottinghamshire, as represented on the Children and Young People's Partnership Board. It describes how it is intended to improve the well-being of children and young people in Nottinghamshire in terms of the five outcomes identified in the Children Act 2004. Specifically it sets out the actions to be taken to help ensure that children and young people:
  - Are healthy
  - Stay safe
  - Enjoy and achieve
  - Make a positive contribution

- Achieve economic well being
5. The CYPP does not detail all the services of the agencies within the Children and Young People's Partnership but focuses on the areas that we think we can work on with our partners to improve outcomes for children and young people. The CYPP describes improvement priorities that were identified by a partnership planning group after undertaking a thorough needs analysis. The group identified the needs of children and young people through a process that included:
    - feedback from stakeholders, including children, young people and their families along with the outputs from our practitioners' conference in October and the annual "Tellus" survey of children and young people in school
    - analysis of performance and other data
    - information from national research and guidance
    - ongoing monitoring, analysis and review of services and provision including the Joint Area Review and Annual Performance Assessment of 2008.
  6. Extensive consultation on these improvement priorities took place between January and March 2009 and included:
    - seven district-based workforce conferences engaging over 600 practitioners from a range of levels within partner agencies;
    - focus groups consulting with children, young people and families
    - formal consultation following statutory requirements
    - public consultation – comments invited through Partnership website
    - a members briefing.
  7. The overall feedback from the consultation was generally very supportive with virtually no disagreement with its ten improvement priorities.

## **Statutory and policy implications**

8. 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:-

### **Financial implications**

9. Activities identified within the CYPP will be financed by existing budget allocations for 2009-2010.

### **Equal opportunities implications**

10. An Equality impact Assessment (EIA) has been completed for the Children and Young People's Plan. This has focused on the equality implications for service users. Main conclusions of this assessment

were that there is some good practice, especially work aimed at overcoming socioeconomic disadvantage, but that more systematic monitoring across all the improvement priorities identified in the plan would be required.

11. An action plan has been identified, with three key actions. These are: to improve monitoring arrangements, to consider the impact on equality of working in a more integrated way, and to reconsider equality implications as part of the annual review of the plan in 2010.

### **Implications for service users**

12. The principal service users affected are children, young people and their families, as the CYPP identifies the over-arching strategy and associated action plans for the delivery of services to them in 2009-2011. The detail of this is set out in the plan document, which will be tabled at the meeting.

### **Crime and disorder implications**

13. The CYPP includes strategies aimed at the reduction of crime and disorder, reflecting the shared responsibility between the Children and Young People's Partnership and the Safer Nottinghamshire Board for the LAA theme of 'a safe place to live'.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

14. That approval is given to the Children and Young People's Plan 2009 – 2011.

### **ANTHONY MAY**

Corporate Director for Children and Young People

### **Reasons for recommendation**

15. The Plan has been devised on the basis of a rigorous needs analysis and with extensive consultation across the partnership

### **Other options considered**

16. It is a statutory requirement to have a current CYPP.

### **Legal Services' comments (KS/11.5.2009)**

17. The Children and Young People's Plan which forms part of the policy framework in Article 4 of the Constitution is a function reserved to full Council.

### **Financial comments of the Service Director – Finance (NDR)**

18. The financial implications are set out in the report.

## **Background papers available for inspection**

A copy of the plan text and the EIA form

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