

Report to: Children Young People's & Families Scrutiny Committee

Date: 23 July 2009

Subject: Children and Young Peoples Plan – Quarter 4 Progress Report

Report of: Executive Director of Children and Young People's Services

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Purpose / summary: To provide the Committee with a summary of progress in CYPP key indicators at the end of Quarter 4 2008-09

Alternative options considered and reason for selecting the one recommended:

Recommendation / decision: That the Committee notes the content of this report and considers any necessary actions resulting from the data

Risks / Implications:

Financial:	None
Staffing:	None
Policy:	None
Equal Opportunities - Has a Diversity Impact Assessment been conducted?	No
Wards affected:	All

Property Implications – Does the proposal involve a reduction, addition or change to the Council's asset base or its occupation?

No

If yes, have the property implications been agreed with the Corporate Property Officer?

Does this proposal have significant implications for the Council and the local population?

A diversity impact assessment is not necessary at this stage, however, equality and diversity implications have been considered when producing this report.

Does this proposal involve a new policy or procedure or significant changes to an existing policy or procedure?

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Has the Service Director - Borough Solicitor confirmed that the recommendations within this report are lawful and comply with the Council's Constitution? **No**

Has the Service Director - Corporate Services confirmed that any expenditure referred to within this report is consistent with the Council's budget? **No**

Are any of the recommendations within this report contrary to the Policy Framework of the Council? **No**

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Categorisation of the report:	x
Discussion leading to a decision	
Monitoring	
Sharing for corporate understanding	

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Discussion	
Decision	
Information	

Tracking/Process:

	Consultation	Ward Members	Partners
Panel	Overview & Scrutiny	Cabinet	Council
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There are no Background Papers to this Report within the meaning of Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Proper Officer



Date

9th July 09

Background:

1.1 The attached table lists the key indicators of the Children and Young People's Plan. For each, we have provided information on performance in 2008-09, and targets for future years.

Conclusions:

2.1 For several indicators where data is available, progress is being made and the "direction of travel" is as intended.

2.2 The areas where we are significantly off target are:

- **NI 112 Percentage change in number of conceptions amongst 15 to 17 year olds**
- **NI 53 Prevalence of breastfeeding at 6-8 weeks from birth**
- **NI 62 Stability of Placements of looked after children: number of moves**
- **NI 63 Children in Care Stability of Placements: length of placement**
- **NI 45 Young offenders engagement in suitable education employment or training (EET)**
- **NI 101 Children in Care achieving 5 or more GCSEs at A*-C**
- **NI 102b Achievement gap Free School Meals Key Stage 4**

There is particular concern from provisional data about **NI 102b Achievement gap Free School Meals Key Stage 4**, where the gap has suddenly widened. This is in contrast to **NI 102a Achievement gap Free School Meals Key Stage 2**, where good progress continues to be made.





2.3 For **NI 117 Young people not in education, employment or training (NEET)**, there has been good recent progress. Although our target (relating to Nov 2008-Jan 2009) was not achieved, the current trajectory is good. Following a decline in performance in autumn 2008, coinciding with the steepening of the economic downturn, there was strong local intervention (assisted by ESF monies) to provide opportunities for young people. Since January performance has improved significantly. However, given economic conditions this indicator will continue to require close monitoring.

2.4 These indicators and targets are targeted on some of the most challenging improvements we need to make (which are therefore CYPP priorities). Work is in progress to strengthen performance management arrangements, in order to focus effort and resources even more strongly on these priorities in 2009-11.







CYPP Key Performance Measures 2008-09

For the key performance measures of the CYPP, the tables for each key outcome use several symbols to help interpret performance, as follows:

Performance against our targets


-  Performance better than target range
-  Performance within target range
-  Performance worse than target range
-  No formal local target for this indicator currently

Direction of change




-  Performance was better than the year before where 'smaller is better'
-  Performance was better than the year before where 'bigger is better'
-  Performance was worse than the year before where 'smaller is better'
-  Performance was worse than the year before where 'bigger is better'
-  Performance is the same as last year
-  Unable to compare with last year

CYPP Priorities

CYPP1 Reduce teenage pregnancy and improve access to sexual health services

Key Performance Measure	LA A		2008/09 Target	2008-09 Actual	Comment	Targets		
						2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
NI 112 Percentage change in number of conceptions amongst 15 to 17 year olds	X		-13%	+0.58%	Slight increase in conceptions in 2007 figures.	-16% (2008 data)	-33% (2009 data)	-50% (2010 data)

CYPP2 Enhance children and young people's wellbeing, with a particular focus on obesity, alcohol abuse and emotional resilience


Key Performance Measure	LA A		2008/09 Target	2008-09 Actual	Comment	Targets		
						2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
NI 55 Obesity in Primary School Age Children in Reception Year			10.3%	9.9%	Improvement. Performance in line with similar authorities.	10.3%	10.3%	10.3%
NI 56 Obesity among primary school age children in Year 6	X		16.9%	18.01%	Increase has been attributed to greater coverage of data collection, rather than actual increase in prevalence of obesity	18.01%	18.01%	18.01%
NI 53 Prevalence of breastfeeding at 6-8 weeks from birth			30%	14.74%	Off target. Range of initiatives being implemented to improve performance.	19.30%	22.55%	

CYPP3 Safeguard children and young people through improved prevention, early intervention and community engagement




Key Performance Measure	LA A		2008/09 Target	2008-09 Actual	Comment	Targets		
						2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
NI 60 Core Assessments completed within 35 working days	X	★↓	75.1%	83.0%	Considerable improvement on 2007-08, exceeding target	77.0%	83%	86% (prov.)
NI 64 Child Protection Plans lasting 2 years or more		★↑×	3%	1.1%	Good performance maintained. 2008 benchmark average 5.3%	3%	3%	3% (prov.)
2016SC Percentage of referrals that are repeat referrals within 12 months		●↓	25%	25.2%	Clear improvement on 2007-08 performance of 28.9%. In line with target.	23.5%	22%	20.5% (prov.)

CYPP4 Improve outcomes for Children in Care

Key Performance Measure	LA A		2008/09 Target	2008-09 Actual	Comment	Targets		
						2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
NI 101 Children in Care achieving 5 or more GCSEs at A*-C	X	▲↓	24%	5.6%	Improvement on 2007 performance, which was 0%, but some way from target.	27.3%	18.2%	
NI 62 Stability of Placements of looked after children: number of moves		▲↓	9.0%	10.9%	Figure worse than target. Better than benchmark comparators, however.	9.0%	9.0%	9.0% (prov.)

NI 63 Children in Care Stability of Placements: length of placement	X		75%	65.8%	Performance in this indicator is below target. Investigation in progress. In line with benchmark comparators.	77%	80%	80% (prov.)
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CYPP5 Narrow the attainment gap between our most disadvantaged communities and the population as a whole

Key Performance Measure	LA A		2008/09 Target	2008-09 Actual	Comment	Targets		
						2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
NI 92 Narrowing the gap between the lowest achieving 20% in the EYFSP and the rest	X		29.3%	31.6%	Improvement from 2007, but not yet exceeding target	28.7%	27.37	
NI 102a Achievement gap FSM KS2 (English and Maths)	X		20%	21.1%	Continued improvement – was 28% in 2004 – but not yet meeting CYPP target.	18%	16%	
NI 102b Achievement gap FSM KS4	X		24%	32.6%	Unexpected increase in 2008 gap. Urgent work in progress to identify causes/actions needed.	25%	23%	

CYPP6 Reduce children and young people's involvement in anti-social behaviour and offending

Key Performance Measure	LA A		2008/09 Target	2008-09 Actual	Comment	Targets		
						2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
NI 111 First time entrants to youth justice system	X	★↓✓	1440	1290	Reduction of 8.1%. Figure is rate per 100k. Actual number of YP was 408.	1412	1380	
NI 19 Rate of proven reoffending by young offenders				0.86	New NI calculation – average re-offences by each young person in cohort within 9 months. Baseline from 2005 was 1.2. National average in 2008 was 0.85	0.81	0.77	0.71
NI 45 Young offenders engagement in suitable education employment or training (EET)		▲↓✘	75%	53.6%	Off target and below level of performance reported in similar authorities	85%	90%	90%

CYPP7 Improve the range and accessibility of positive activities for all children and young people

Key Performance Measure	LA A		2008/09 Target	2008-09 Actual	Comment	Targets		
						2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
NI 110 Young people's participation in positive activities	X			64.8%	Data from 2008 Tellus survey. This is now the baseline for our LAA target. National average 69.1		71.8%	

CYPP8 Increase participation and attainment in education, employment and training for 14-19 year olds

Key Performance Measure	LA A		2008/09 Target	2008-09 Actual	Comment	Targets		
						2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
NI 79 Achievement of a Level 2 qualification by the age of 19			71%	70%	Slight improvement on 2007. Better than statistical neighbours and in line with national average	72%	73%	74% (prov.)
NI 80 Achievement of a Level 3 qualification by the age of 19			42%	40.1%	Performance same as 2007. In line with statistical neighbours but worse than national average.	43%	44%	45% (prov.)
NI 117 NEET	X		7.8%	8.5%	Year end performance represented a clear improvement from previous quarters. However, economic factors are making this target more difficult to achieve.	7.5%	6.8%	