

Report to: Children and Young People's Panel

Date: 6 March 2008

Subject: Children and Young People's Plan 2008-11

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

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Purpose / summary:

To inform Members of progress in reviewing the Wigan Children and Young People's Plan, and to invite comments on the priorities put forward by the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership

Alternative options considered and reason for selecting the one recommended:

Recommendation / decision:

That Panel notes and comments on the proposed priorities of the Children and Young People's Plan for 2008-11.

Key Decision:

This report does not involve a key decision. The decision made as a result of this report will be published within **48 hours** and cannot be actioned until **seven working days** have elapsed

Risks / Implications:

Financial: None arising from this report
Staffing: None arising from this report
Policy: None arising from this report
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?

No, but a diversity impact assessment is being carried out within the planning process

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

No

Has the Director of Legal and Property Services confirmed that the recommendations within this report are lawful and comply with the Council’s Constitution? **Yes**

Has the Director of Finance and IT confirmed that any expenditure referred to within this report is consistent with the Council’s budget? **Yes**

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

* delete which applicable

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

	x
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

21st February 2008

1. Background

1.1 The Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) is being updated on behalf of the Borough by Wigan Children, Young People and Families Strategic Partnership (CYPFSP). The plan builds on the firm foundations of the Wigan CYPP published in 2006 and sets out priorities for the next 3 years, in the context of the Children's Plan published in 2007 by the Department for Children, Schools and Families. The outline contents of the CYPP are as follows:

- Vision
- Introduction/Context/Partnership
- Needs Assessment – outline/headlines – detail in each priority section + appendices
- Consultation
- Priorities
- Key Strategies
- Performance Indicators/Targets
- Developing the Infrastructure
- Resources: finance, workforce, property, ICT
- Performance Management

1.2 Needs Assessment

The priorities were identified by the CYPFSP from consideration of a wide range of evidence. This included:

- Young people's views expressed through local CYPP consultations, including an online survey which attracted over 3000 responses
- Young people's views expressed through Ofsted's Tellus2 survey
- Young People's contributions to "The Great Debate" in 2007
- Feedback from the community through the Best Value General Survey
- Comments from staff and other stakeholders represented on the CYPFSP
- Inspection findings, particularly from the Joint Area Review of Children's Services in Wigan (2006) and the Annual Performance Assessment (2007)
- Borough-level performance data, including indicators agreed for Wigan CYPP from 2006 and benchmarked data available from Ofsted (JAR/APA etc.), the social care Performance and Assessment Framework, Best Value Performance Indicators, North West Health Observatory Data, Youth Justice Board data, etc.
- Local Area Agreement mid-year and end-of-year reviews
- Area/locality level performance data covering attainment, health, economic context and community safety

1.3 Priorities

The priorities identified are those which the CYPFSP considers will have the most significant impact on the wellbeing of children, young people, families and the wider community in Wigan if successfully delivered. They are:

CYPP1 Reduce teenage pregnancy and improve access to sexual health services

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

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

CYPP4 Improve outcomes for Children in Care

CYPP5 Narrow the attainment gap between our most disadvantaged communities and the population as a whole

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

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

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

1.4 The Department for Communities and Local Government has recently established a new Local Performance Framework with 198 proposed "National Indicators". This framework is central to the CYPP, with indicators linking to each of the priorities above. (See attached Table 1). The Borough's performance against all National Indicators relating to children and young people will be a technical annex of this CYPP, informing ongoing needs assessment and prioritisation

1.5 The partnership intends that the priorities be delivered through many of the major strategies currently being implemented or created by partner agencies. An outline of how these strategies relate to priorities can also be seen at Table 1.

1.6 The DCSF Children's Plan highlights important links between the Every Child Matters Agenda and young people's attainment, and anticipates that schools will become increasingly active as members of local partnerships. In addition, Ofsted has been asked to put in place rigorous Every Child Matters indicators for schools. In the Children's Plan, the DCSF points to evidence that schools which are effectively delivering the ECM agenda are also achieving higher standards of attainment.

1.7 Developing the Infrastructure

The partnership's approach will be based on key strategies aligned to the 8 CYPF priorities at the heart of this plan. Among the most important elements which underpin the whole plan will be:

- Implementation of effective joint commissioning and other children's trust arrangements, building on solid partnership foundations, to improve the quality and accessibility of services to the most vulnerable
- Extending the network of children's centres and extended schools, to provide local access to a range of specialist services
- Developing locality-based delivery - with early years settings, schools and colleges as the centre of their communities, as the universal services which

know all children, young people and families and can identify and respond to needs, supported by specialist agencies from the CYPF Strategic Partnership

- Consolidating the Change for Children system, including the Common Assessment Framework, ContactPoint and Lead Professionals
- Developing the whole workforce serving children and young people to be able to deliver these approaches

In current drafts, these are articulated as 6 “Key Changes”, as follows:

Key Change 1: Children’s Trust and Joint Commissioning Arrangements

Key Change 2: Extended Services

Key Change 3: Integrated Front- Line Delivery

Key Change 4: Change for Children

Key Change 5: Workforce Development

Key Change 6: Equality, Diversity and Community Cohesion

1.8 Performance Management

Performance management for the CYPP will be undertaken at several levels. At strategic level, the CYPF Strategic Partnership will receive quarterly reports of progress against the key outcome indicators of the plan, and progress in the key strategies which have been set up to deliver the priorities. In line with DCSF practice, an annual review of the CYPP will be completed early in each calendar year, to confirm whether or not priorities need to be adjusted, and what detailed actions need to be put in place. The Annual Review and quarterly reports will also be provided to the appropriate responsible bodies of the partner organisations. For example, the Children and Young People’s Panel of Wigan Council.

Conclusion

It is proposed that the principal CYPP proposals will be approved by the Children, Young People and Families Strategic Partnership on 13 March 2008.

Diversity Impact Assessment form

Section:

Policy/Service Area:

Person Completing Form:

Date:

Do any of the below groups suffer specific disadvantage (please indicate)

	Yes	No		Yes	No
Race			Disability		
Ethnicity			Gender		
Age			Religion		
Class			Sexual Orientation		

Is there evidence of disadvantage or associated problems?

How was the information collected and/or who have you consulted with?

Action Plan – *What specific actions are planned to tackle any disadvantage identified?*

Is the policy in line with current equality legislation and relevant codes of practice?

Timescale	
Responsibility	
Comments	

Are the actions specified included in any other documents/plans?

Departmental Service Plan	
Section/Team Plan	
Other (Specify)	

Date for further review

Table 1 CYP Priority Objectives, with draft linked strategies

Priority Objective	Key Strategies	Other Significant Enabler Strategies	Strategies to be developed	National Indicators
Reduce teenage pregnancy and improve access to sexual health services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teenage Pregnancy Strategy (including Sexual Health Strategy for Young People) • Healthy Schools Strategy 	<p>Early Years and Childcare Strategy</p> <p>Wigan Public Health Strategy</p> <p>Extended Schools Strategy Things to Do, Places to Go Strategy</p> <p>Drugs and Alcohol Strategy</p> <p>Parenting Strategy</p> <p>PSHE Strategy</p> <p>Wigan 14-19 Strategy Data/Information Strategy</p>	<p>Children's Centre (Health) Project</p> <p>Targeted Youth Support</p>	<p>NI 112 – Under 18 conception rate</p> <p>NI 113 – Prevalence of Chlamydia in under 20 year olds</p>
Enhance children and young people's well-being with a particular focus on obesity, alcohol abuse and emotional resilience.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy Schools Strategy • Substance Misuse Strategy • Children's Emotional Health and Wellbeing (Mental Health) Strategy • North West Breastfeeding Strategy • Smoking Cessation Strategy • School Health Strategy (New Model Service Specification) 	<p>PE, Physical Activity and School Sports Strategy</p> <p>Parenting Strategy</p> <p>SHAPE Strategy</p> <p>CAMHS Strategy</p> <p>Public Health Strategy</p> <p>Early Years and Childcare Strategy</p> <p>Extended Schools Strategy</p>	<p>Obesity Strategy</p> <p>Children's Centre (Health) Project</p> <p>L+A Primary Team Strategy (ref primary national strategy)</p> <p>L+A Secondary team Strategy (ref. secondary national strategy)</p>	<p>NI 50 Emotional Health of children</p> <p>NI 51 – CAMHS</p> <p>NI 55 & 56 – Obesity</p> <p>NI 115 Substance Misuse</p> <p>NI 71 – Children running away overnight</p>

<p>Safeguard children and young people through improved prevention, early intervention and community engagement.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguarding Board Business Plan • Early Intervention and Prevention Strategy • Parenting Strategy • Full implementation of Change for Children system 		<p>Action plan to improve volume and timeliness of core and initial assessments</p>	<p>NI 59 – IAs within 7 days</p> <p>NI 60 – CAs within 35 days</p> <p>NI 64 & 65 – Child Protection Plans</p> <p>NI 68 - Ref's into IAs</p> <p>NI 70 – Hospital admissions</p> <p>NI 67 – Child Protection Reviews</p>
<p>Improve outcomes for Children in Care.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguarding Board Business Plan • Early Intervention and Prevention Strategy 	<p>Parenting Strategy</p>	<p>Children in Care Strategy</p> <p>L+A Primary Team Strategy (ref primary national strategy)</p> <p>L+A Secondary team Strategy (ref. secondary national strategy)</p>	<p>NI 58 – Emotional and Beh. Health of CiC</p> <p>NI 62 & 63 – CiC stability of placements</p> <p>NI 99 & 100 CiC English and Maths KS2</p> <p>NI 101 – CiC 5 A-C including E&M</p> <p>NI 106 – Higher Education</p> <p>NI 147 – Care leavers in suitable accommodation</p> <p>NI 148 - Care leavers in EET</p>

<p>Narrow the attainment gap between our most disadvantaged communities and the population as a whole.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Years and Childcare Strategy • Extended Schools Strategy • 14-19 Strategy 	<p>Building Schools for the Future</p> <p>Greater Manchester Challenge</p> <p>Secondary Review</p> <p>Extended Schools</p> <p>Healthy Schools strategy</p> <p>Parenting Strategy</p>	<p>L+A Primary Team Strategy (ref primary national strategy)</p> <p>L+A Secondary team Strategy (ref. secondary national strategy)</p>	<p>NI92 - Narrowing the gap at EYFS</p> <p>NI102 – Achievement gap FSM KS2 and KS4</p> <p>NI104 – SEN/nonSEN gap KS2.</p> <p>NI105 – SEN/non SEN gap 5 A-C (including E&M)</p> <p>NI106 – Young people from low incomes into HE</p> <p>(Plus many of the mandatory attainment targets)</p> <p>NI 107 – KS2 attainment BME</p> <p>NI 108 – KS4 attainment BME</p>
<p>Reduce children and young people’s involvement in anti-social behaviour and offending.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy • Prevent and Deter Strategy • Youth Justice Plan 	<p>Positive Activities for Young People</p> <p>Participation Strategy</p> <p>Things to Do, Places to Go Strategy</p> <p>Respect Agenda</p> <p>Opportunity Strategy</p> <p>Extended Schools</p>	<p>Targeted Youth Support</p>	<p>NI 19 Rate of proven reoffending by young offenders</p> <p>NI 17 Perceptions of ASB</p> <p>NI 22 – parents taking responsibility</p> <p>NI 43 – Young people sentenced to custody</p> <p>NI 111 – First time entrants to YJS</p> <p>NI 45 – YOs in EET</p>

<p>Improve the range and accessibility of positive activities for all children and young people.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wigan 14-19 Strategy • Participation Strategy • Things to Do, Places to Go Strategy • Building Schools for the Future • Extended Schools • Volunteering Strategy 	<p>SHAPE Strategy</p> <p>Playing for Success</p>		<p>NI110 – Young people’s participation in positive activities</p> <p>NI 57 – PE and sport</p> <p>CYPP Local Indicator – access to positive activities for YP with LDD</p>
<p>Increase participation and attainment in education, employment and training for 14-19 year olds.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wigan 14-19 Strategy 	<p>LSC “Raising our Game” – key priorities and actions</p> <p>Secondary Review</p> <p>Building Schools for the Future</p> <p>Extended Schools</p> <p>Employment Engagement Strategy</p> <p>Teenage Pregnancy Strategy</p>	<p>NEET Strategy</p> <p>Information, Advice and Guidance Strategy</p>	<p>NI90 – Take up of diplomas</p> <p>NI91 – Participation of 17 year olds</p> <p>NI117 – NEET</p> <p>NI 79 – Level 2 by 19</p> <p>NI 80 – Level 3 by 19</p> <p>NI81 – Inequality gap level 3 by 19</p> <p>NI82 – Inequality Gap level 2 by 19</p>

Cross – cutting enabler strategies: Workforce Development; Commissioning; ICT; Equality and Diversity; Property; MTFS