

Committee: Health and Wellbeing Bard

Date: 28 September 2015

Agenda item:

Wards: All wards

Subject: Draft Children and Young People's Plan 2016/19

Lead officer: Paul Ballatt, Assistant Director Commissioning, Strategy and Performance, Children Schools and Families Department

Lead members: Councillor Maxi Martin; Councillor Martin Whelton.

Forward Plan reference number: n/a

Contact officer: Naheed Chaudhry, Service Manager Policy, Planning and Performance

Recommendations: That the Health and Wellbeing Board

- A. Comment on the draft Children and Young People's Plan 2016/19 as attached in Appendix A
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. Attached in Appendix A is a first draft of the refreshed Children and Young Peoples Plan 2016/19 presented to partners for discussion prior to a final draft being signed off by the Childrens Trust in November 2015.

2 DETAILS

- 2.1. Merton's Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) is commissioned and monitored by the Children's Trust. Partners have made good progress in delivering key actions outlined within the current plan 2013/16 which has been reported to the Children's Trust and Merton Partnership in updates and performance reports.
- 2.2. Earlier this year the Children's Trust agreed to refresh the CYPP with the following approach:
- ✓ Building on progress made in current plan
 - ✓ Analysing current and emerging issues impacting on children's services
 - ✓ Re-affirming shared ambition and values
 - ✓ Retaining focus on vulnerable groups guided by needs analysis, review of customer feedback 'user voice' and staff feedback
- 2.3. The CYPP to date has been more than a vision statement, it has summarised the actions to be taken to meet key priorities. Our latest CYPP is underpinned by specific strategies and business plans to manage delivery on a day to day basis, thus helping staff to understand how their work fits into the bigger picture. In other words, our CYPP therefore remains a 'Plan of Plans'
- 2.4. While earlier versions of our CYPP included actions for delivering services to all children, young people and families in the borough, our current CYPP is more targeted, reaffirming our determination to support those facing specific challenges, and to 'narrow the gap' in outcomes which exists between these children and their peers.
- 2.5. Our 2016/19 CYPP as presented in appendix A identifies six key priorities;

- Children in need of early help and those subject to the effects of disadvantage
- Safeguarding children and young people
- Looked after children and care leavers
- Narrowing the gap in educational outcomes and opportunity
- Engage and Enable young people to better outcomes
- Children with special educational needs and disabilities

2.6. These priorities were identified following;

- Multi-agency task and finishing group workshop discussions
- Staff and management forums
- Review of Children's Trust single agency plans and strategies
- Review of resident/customer data and performance information
- Review of key themes from 'user voice' feedback

3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

3.1. The Childrens Trust agreed in December 2014 to retain a Children and Young Peoples plan to support partnership working, a shared vision and accountability. We have the flexibility to tailor arrangements to meet our own circumstances and organise our own planning and commissioning priorities.

4 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

4.1. The following consultation has been undertaken or is scheduled.

Consultation	Date	Status
Staff Forum	10 March 2015	Completed
CYPP Working Group workshop 1	15 April 2015	Completed
Voluntary Sector engagement: Involve	15 July 2015	Completed
CYPP Working Group workshop 2	3 September 2015	Completed
DMT Continuous Improvement Board	7 September 2015	Completed
Joint CSF Senior Leadership Team (JSLT)	15 September 2015	Completed
MSCB Policy subgroup (consult by email)	7 Sept to 16 Sept 2015	Completed
Childrens Trust – First draft	18 September 2015	Scheduled
MSCB Board	22 September 2015	Scheduled
Merton Partnership Executive Board	22 September 2015	Scheduled
Health and Wellbeing Board	29 September 2015	Scheduled
Childrens Trust - Final Sign off	6 November 2015	Scheduled

4.2. The draft CYPP 2016/19 has been authored by Paul Ballatt Assistant Director of Commissioning, Strategy and Performance and Naheed Chaudhry Service Manager Policy, Planning and Performance Merton Council on behalf of the Childrens Trust.

4.3. The following agency representatives have contributed to the task and finish group workshops. **Merton Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services**, Donna Hayward-Sussex, Nicholas Wilson, **Merton Clinical Commissioning Group**, Maria

Ellery, Mari Longhurst, **Merton Council Children, Schools and Families**
Department: Paul Bailey, Liz Broughton, Sarah Daly, Allison Jones
Aneesa Kaprie, Tom Procter, Kate Saksena, Keith Shipman, Leanne Wallder,
Merton Police, Mark Lawrence, David Palmer, **Merton Public Health**, Hilina
Asrress, Julia Groom, **Merton Voluntary and Community Sector**, Khadiru Mahdi,
Merton Voluntary Sector Council, Andrew Whittington, Merton Mencap , Maureen
Bailey, Inner Strength Network, **Sutton and Merton Community Services**, Fiona
Pendleton.

5 TIMETABLE

- 5.1. The Childrens Trust is scheduled to 'sign off' a final draft of the CYPP on 6 November 2015.

6 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1. All priorities and actions identified in the draft Children and Young Peoples Plan derive from single agency plans and strategies.
- 6.2. These commitments are based on the financial envelope known to agencies at the time their plans were written and may therefore be subject to change in a climate of economic uncertainty.

7 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1. The Government withdrew the statutory guidance to Children's Trusts to produce a Children and Young Peoples Plan in October 2010. The Merton Partnership is still required to have specific arrangements in place for co-operation to improve children's well-being however we are no longer required to produce a specific plan.
- 7.2. The Section 10 duty to co-operate remains and continues to apply to local authorities and the other bodies who remain listed in section 10(4) of the Children Act 2004.

8 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1. None for the purpose of this report

9 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1. None for the purposes of this report

10 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1. None for the purposes of this report

11 APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT

- Appendix A: Draft Children and Young Peoples Plan 2016/19.

12 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 12.1. Merton's Children and Young Peoples Plan 2013/16
<http://www.merton.gov.uk/council/plansandpolicies/cypplan.htm>
- 12.2. The Children's Trust Board (Children and Young People's Plan) Revocation Regulation 2010. <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2010/2129/made>

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