

Draft Children and Young People's Plan 2008 - 2011

Children and Young People's Partnership Board

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Parish / Wards Affected: All

Purpose

- To present and discuss the draft Children & Young People's Plan 2008 - 2011
- To outline the consultation process

Recommendation

Children and Young People's Partnership Board is requested to

- Contribute views on the draft Children & Young People's Plan 2008 – 2011 as part of the consultation process;

1. Reasons

- 1.1 The Review of Children & Young People's Plan 2006 -2009 was discussed by the Board in June 2007. The Review recommended the development of a new Children & Young People's Plan so that
 - the population changes in Swindon and inequalities across different areas of Swindon can be addressed by a new plan;
 - the development of a new Local Area Agreement (LAA 2) can be reflected in a new Children & Young People's Plan (CYPP);
 - the new vision for Swindon 2030 outlined in the Community Strategy can be reflected in the CYPP.
- 1.2 The Local Authority is required to publish a CYPP under the Children Act 2004 in consultation with children, young people, parents, carers and partners. The attached draft for consultation (**Appendix 1**) has been developed through consultation with all partners including discussions with children and young people. The draft has been prepared by the Every Child Matters Task Group, the Children's Trust performance Review Group. The priorities have been agreed with partners through the Children's Joint Commissioning Board.
- 1.3 The new CYPP sets out the priorities to improve outcomes for children, young people and families including
 - Priorities included in the Local Area Agreement 2;
 - Additional priorities for services to children and young people including priorities for children in care and disabled children and young people;
 - Local priorities for each of the four multi agency team areas.

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- 1.4 The CYPP draft for consultation was published on 3rd March 2008 and the consultation will close on 10th April 2008, with publication of the CYPP at the end of June 2008 in line with the publication of the LAA and the Annual Performance Assessment. A detailed action plan in the format of the Strategic Management Plan will set out the detailed targets, actions and milestones to be achieved.

2. Detail

- 2.1 The purpose of the CYPP is to set the vision and priorities to improve outcomes for children, young people and their families.
- 2.2 The CYPP covers:
- Vision for services to children, young people and families;
 - Participation arrangements for children, young people, parents and carers;
 - A statement how financial resources will be allocated to meet the proposed priorities;
 - The proposed priorities to improve outcomes for children, young people and families including baseline information, future targets and actions. This is outlined under the five Every Child Matters Outcomes;
 - The proposed developments in governance, strategy, joint commissioning arrangements, integrated multi agency service delivery, workforce development and performance management.
- 2.3 The development of the draft CYPP was informed by:
- Refreshed needs assessment outlining the changes in population and the needs of families in the four geographical areas of Swindon (**Appendix 2**);
 - Surveys of 2,000 children and young people, two conferences with children and young people and discussions with the Youth Forum;
 - Discussions with parents of disabled children and young people and the Special Educational Needs Forum;
 - Workshops with 80 managers from a range of agencies on 7th February 2008
 - Consultation with community groups, the public and parents through the development of the Community Strategy;
 - The National Indicator Set against which children's services will be judged in future. There are approximately 80 indicators relating to children and young people.
- 2.4 The draft CYPP for consultation outlines the following priorities, which were developed based on the process outlined above:

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- Reducing obesity among children (LAA2);
 - Reducing all age mortality (LAA2);
 - Reducing teenage pregnancy (LAA2);
 - Improving children's mental well-being;
 - Reducing the referral and assessment process for children in need including reducing referrals to social care (LAA2);
 - Reducing bullying;
 - Reducing the number of looked after children and those out of Borough (Swindon 2010 Promise);
 - Improving educational attainment, particularly at Key Stage 4 (LAA2/Swindon 2010 Promise);
 - Increasing participation in positive activities (LAA2/Swindon2010 Promise);
 - Reducing young people not in education, training or employment (LAA2).
- 2.5 The proposed developments in governance, strategy, joint commissioning arrangements, integrated multi agency service delivery, workforce development and performance management are not included in the draft for consultation because the consultation process for the development of multi agency teams covered those areas already. The governance and joint commissioning arrangements have already been agreed by Cabinet as part of the National Health Act 2006 Section 75 Agreements. These sections of the CYPP will be available in mid April 2008 and will then be circulated to members of the Board for comment. Progress against all targets in the National Indicator set will be an appendix in the CYPP).
- 2.6 The Board is asked to comment on the draft and endorse it as the basis for further consultation.
- 2.7 The following consultation activities are planned:
- Discussion of the draft strategy with voluntary sector agencies meeting 6 weekly with the service manager, Strategic Planning & Commissioning
 - Further action planning and consultation of the draft CYPP with partners on the 28th March 2008;
 - Discussion of the draft with representatives of schools through Cross Phase;
 - Presentation of the outline of the strategy at relevant team and training events, including school governors;
 - Publication of the draft CYPP through a newsletter, on the internet and schools newsletter.

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Alternative Options

- None

Risk Management

Financial and Procurement Implications –

The CYPP sets out the priorities for investment in children's services through identified priorities. There are no additional financial implications.

Legal / Human Rights Implications – Local authorities are under a legal obligation to publish a Local Area Agreement in June 2008 and publish a Children & Young People's Plan under the Children Act 2004.

Links to Corporate Plans and Policies (in particular to Swindon 2010 Promises) – Children are at the heart of the Community Strategy and Corporate, All remaining Swindon 2010 Promises are included in the CYPP and the National Indicator set.

Consultees

- The Director of Finance and the Director of Law and Democratic Services are consulted on all reports.

Background Papers and Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Draft Children & Young People's Plan
- Appendix 2 - Refreshed Needs Assessment February 2008