

# Children and Young People's Plan 2008 - 2011

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**Parish / Wards Affected:** All

## Purpose

- To present the final version of Children and Young People's Plan 2008 – 2011.

## Recommendation

Cabinet is requested to recommend the Council to -

- Approve the Children and Young People's Plan 2008 – 2011.
- Authorise the Group Director Children and the Director, Strategy and Commissioning to oversee the implementation and delivery of the Children and Young People's Plan.

## 1. Reasons

- 1.1 The new Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) outlines the outcomes and actions to be taken for the next three years addressing
  - the population changes in Swindon and inequalities across different areas of Swindon;
  - The development of a new Local Area Agreement (LAA 2) reflected in a new Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP);
  - The new vision for Swindon 2030 outlined in the Community Strategy 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 CYPP (**Appendix 1**) has been developed through consultation with all partners including discussions with children and young people. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2008 and the consultation closed on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2008. A detailed delivery plan in the format of the Strategic Management Plan sets out the detailed targets, actions and milestones to be achieved (**Appendix 2**).

## 2. Detail

- 2.1 The purpose of the Childre and Young People's Plan (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 outlined in part 2 of the CYPP – Making it Happen.
- 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
  - 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 following consultations were undertaken:
- Discussion of the draft strategy with voluntary sector agencies meeting 6 weekly with the service manager, Strategic Planning and Commissioning

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- Further action planning and consultation of the draft CYPP with 50 managers representing partners on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2008;
  - Discussion of the draft with representatives of schools through the Schools Forum and Cross Phase;
  - Publication of the draft CYPP through a newsletter, on the internet and schools newsletter.
- 2.5 A small number of written responses (5) were submitted to strengthen the actions in relation to the health of young people, disabled children and young people and the 14 – 19 agenda. These suggestions were incorporated into the final CYPP.
- 2.6 Following consultation the final CYPP outlines the following outcomes:
- Children are physically healthy and have the best start in life by reducing all age mortality (LAA2);
  - Children grow up healthy by reducing obesity among children (LAA2);
  - Children are healthy and safe by reducing teenage pregnancy (LAA2) and chlamydia and reducing substance misuse;
  - Children respect each other and are emotionally secure and confident by improving children's emotional well-being and educating bullying;
  - Children are safe and their needs are identified early so complex problems are prevented by increasing the percentage of assessments completed in social care (LAA2);
  - Children have stable lives by reducing the number of looked after children and those out of Borough (Swindon 2010 Promise);
  - Children achieve and have high aspirations by 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).

## Alternative Options

- There are no alternative options.

### 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.

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## *Legal / Human Rights Implications*

Local authorities are under a legal obligation to publish a Local Area Agreement in June 2008 and publish a Children and Young People's Plan under the Children's 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 Strategy. All remaining Swindon 2010 Promises are included in the CYPP and the National Indicator set.

## **Consultees**

- The Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer) and the Director of Law and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) are consulted on all reports.

## **Background Papers and Appendices (Circulated in Annex 1)**

- Appendix 1 – Children and Young People's Plan final draft
- Appendix 2 - Children and Young People's Plan Delivery Plan

## **Key Decision / Decision in Forward Plan**

This is not a key decision for the Cabinet, as it subject to the approval of the Full Council, and is included in the Cabinet Forward Plan for June 2008.