

Children and Young People's Early Support Strategy 2013-2016

Swindon Children's Trust Board

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Wards: All
Locality Affected: All
Parishes Affected: All

1. Purpose and Reasons

- 1.1 To review and agree the final draft of the Children and Young People's Early Support Strategy 2013-2016, and the Delivery Plan.

2. Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to:

- 2.1 To recommend to Council to agree the final draft of the Children and Young People's Early Support Strategy 2013-2016 (**Appendix 1**), and the Delivery Plan (**Appendix 2**)
- 2.2 To note the contribution of the Youth Forum to the Plan, including the Foreword from the Swindon Members of the Youth Parliament, and the additional priorities recommended by the Youth Forum.
- 2.3 To agree to monitor the progress of delivery of the Children and Young People's Early Support Strategy 2013-2016 in December 2013, and at six monthly intervals thereafter
- 2.4 To agree that the Children and Young People's Early Support Strategy should form the basis of the Children's Services Self Assessment for 2014 onwards.
- 2.5 To note that in order to save costs, the Plan will be published on the Swindon Borough Council website at <http://www.swindon.gov.uk> once it is agreed and printed copies only made available on request to the author.

3. Detail

- 3.1 The development of the Children and Young People's Early Support Strategy 2013-2016 has been led by the Chair of the Swindon Children's Trust Board, with a first meeting with partners in the Trust in January 2013.
- 3.2 The Plan is based on the One Swindon priorities, and sets out the vision and long term improvements that the Board wants to see in the lives of children and young people over the course of the Plan – their health, wellbeing, safety, aspiration and achievement, and their contribution to and participation in their communities in Swindon. The Plan applies to all children and young people in Swindon age pre-birth to 19 years, and beyond for children in care and those who have a disability.

- 3.3 The Plan is informed by the Swindon Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and by the Child Poverty Needs Assessment 2011. This Children and Young People's Early Support Strategy incorporates measures to address child poverty in Swindon, and as such should be considered to be the Child Poverty Strategy.
- 3.4 The Plan was taken in draft form to the Trust Board in March 2013, with members of the Board invited to consult with their own agencies on the Plan during March and April 2013.
- 3.5 The Youth Forum reviewed the priorities in the Plan at their residential weekend in April 2013, and their views on the Plan, and the priorities that they have identified are included in the final draft of the Plan. The Youth Forum will be designing posters setting out the priorities in the Plan to distribute to schools.
- 3.6 The work of the Swindon Children's Trust Board is focused on integrated early help and is based on a holistic approach working with children and their families. The **Statement of Early Help** that forms the basis of the Plan is set around three key areas:
- Prevention
 - Targeted Early Help
 - Specialist and therapeutic support
- 3.7 The Swindon Children's Trust Board works closely with the Swindon Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) and their focus is on safeguarding and child protection and the systems that keep children and young people safe and where children and young people have more complex needs. The Plan is explicit in its intent for the Trust Board to hold the LSCB to account so that the Board can be confident that the Board's work around early help is aligned to, supported and strengthened by the contribution of the LSCB.

4. Alternative Options

- 4.1 There are no alternative options.

5. Implications, Diversity Impact Assessment and Risk Management

Financial and Procurement Implications

- 5.1 There are no direct financial or procurement implications arising from this report.

Legal and Human Rights Implications

- 5.2 There are no direct legal or human rights implications arising directly from this report.

All Other Implications (including Staff, Sustainability, Health, Rural, Crime and Disorder)

- 5.3 None identified.

Links to One Swindon, Strategic Objectives, Plans and Policies

- 5.4 The Strategy is informed by the priorities set out One Swindon, 'Living Independently, protected from harm, leading healthy lives and making a positive contribution'.

Diversity Impact Assessment

- 5.5 A Diversity Impact Assessment has been completed for the Children and Young People's Early Support Strategy and can be found at:

<http://10.154.104.226:9070/mgConvert2PDF.aspx?ID=47757>

Risk Management

- 5.6 Risks associated with the delivery of major projects in Swindon Borough Council have been reported through the project workstreams and mitigating actions identified.

6. Consultees

- 6.1 The Board Director Finance, Revenues, Benefits and Property (Section 151 Officer) and Director of Law and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) are consulted in respect of all reports.

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 None

8. Appendices

- 8.1 **Appendix 1** – Children and Young People's Early Support Strategy 2013-2016
- 8.2 **Appendix 2** – Delivery Plan for Children and Young People's Early Support Strategy 2013-2016