

Open Report on behalf of Debbie Barnes, Interim Executive Director of Children's Services

Report to:	Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee
Date:	20 July 2012
Subject:	Children and Young People's Plan

Summary:

From 31 October 2010, Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) Regulations were revoked. This means that Children's Trust Boards are no longer required to produce a statutory Children and Young People's Plan, but may continue to do so where it makes sense locally. The regulations go onto state that: Local partnerships are free to publish their own strategic plan as they see fit and there is no prescribed format, matters to be dealt with, timing or who to consult during the preparation of the plan.

The Lincolnshire Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership has agreed to continue to work collaboratively and to articulate their Vision, priorities and targets in a Children and Young People's Plan.

The Children and Young People's Plan 2012 – 2015 in appendix A was produced by the Strategic Partnership following widespread formal consultation with partners, stakeholders and Children and Young People. This process resulted in the agreed priorities of the partnership.

The plan articulates the **The overall Vision and our 5 strategic principles**

Vision :

"That every child, in every part of the county should achieve their potential"

5 Principles:

The plan is underpinned by 5 Principles;

1. **Early Intervention and Prevention**
Strong universal services, providing early action and intensive support to vulnerable children and young people.
2. **Safeguarding and Best Start in Life**
Ensuring children are safe in every environment.
Encouraging community responsibility for safeguarding.

3. Aspiration and Well Being

Ensuring all those working with children champion the importance of aspiration.

Develop self-esteem, self-belief and resilience in all children, young people and their families.

4. Learning and Achievement

All children being the best that they can be.

Closing the gap between vulnerable groups and children living in disadvantaged communities.

5. Best Use of Resources

Integrating delivery with a focus on outcomes, life chances and opportunities.

Effective use of resources to provide better services locally.

Empower communities, creating opportunities for them to engage.

Strategic Priorities

The partnership have identified 5 key priorities where they believe that a partnership focus is required to enact change and improve outcomes for children and young people

- 1 - SAFE & PROTECTED
- 2 - COMMUNITY ASPIRATION
- 3 - TACKLING POVERTY
- 4 - HAPPY AND HEALTHY
- 5 - LEARNING AND ACHIEVEMENT

Sitting under each of the 5 priority headings are a range of Key Tasks, Activities, Targets and Success Measures. (Please see Appendix A)

In addition, the Plan also contains a helpful table of where key themes and priorities from a range of strategic plans (Health and Wellbeing Strategy, Lincolnshire County Council Business Plan, Lincolnshire Child Poverty Strategy) interrelate and support desired outcomes.

Performance Management

Each of the 5 Strategic Priorities has an assigned Priority Lead to drive forward progress and impact. It was agreed the Performance and progress would be reviewed through Priority Lead updates, but more formally at a bi-annual meeting to scrutinise progress against the agreed targets and measures.

Each of the Priority Leads has been delegated authority to convene Task and Finish Groups as and when required, in order to achieve the agreed success measures.

Next Steps

The Plan will be reviewed by the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership in October 2012. The process of refining agreed priorities and desired outcomes for 2013-14 will begin in the Autumn in order to coproduce a revised plan working directly and inclusively, with Children, young people, stakeholders and partners.

Actions Required:

- 1) Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee to comment on the attached Children and Young People's plan.

1. Background

The Children and Young People Strategic Partnership have produced the attached plan which covers the time frame 2012-15.

The plan is based on a statistical analysis of children and young people's needs which describes the experiences children and young people have growing up in Lincolnshire with the final shape of the priorities for improvement worked out following consultation with partners, children and young people, and parents and carers.

It identifies 5 priorities where the partners are committed to making rapid progress. The plan is deliberately short and simple. The 5 outcomes provide a shared framework for practical action. What matters most is how partners build on this by working together to deliver improved outcomes for children and young people in localities across the county. These improvements will help us achieve our broader vision for Children and young people.

2. Conclusion

Following consideration of the attached report, the committee is to send all comments to the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership.

3. Consultation

a) Policy Proofing Actions Required

Not applicable.

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Children and Young People's Plan 2012 - 2015

5. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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