

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

Report to:	Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee
Date:	1 March 2013
Subject:	Children With Disabilities Commissioning Strategy and Action Plan

Summary:

The Committee is requested to agree the revised Action Plan that has been drafted by a multi-agency group and sets out actions to further improve the commissioning of services for Children With Disabilities (CWD).

Actions Required:

To present the revised CWD Commissioning Strategy and Action Plan to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee for agreement.

The Commissioning Strategy sets out the vision for children with disabilities living in Lincolnshire, providing a strong and compelling evidence base for the identification of the key priority and themes. The Commissioning Strategy sets out how Children's Services and its partners will work in an integrated, coherent way, making the best use of available resources to achieve this vision.

1. Background

The Commissioning Strategy incorporates local needs and priorities identified in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for Lincolnshire (JSNA), Lincolnshire Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2013-2018 (JHWS), Lincolnshire Children and Young People's plan 2012-2015 (CYPP), Lincolnshire Child Poverty Strategy, Department for Public Health Annual Report and the Public Health Outcomes Framework.

The CWD Commissioning Strategy sets out how organisations will work together to provide an integrated and coherent way of working for Children with Disabilities. There are clear actions and outcomes.

The Action Plan is developed around 5 themes. These are:

- To better understand the needs of children and young people with disabilities and/or sensory impairment and their families so that their needs can be met appropriately
- To improve the quality of services for children and young people with Additional Needs and reduce inequalities in terms of social, educational and health and well-being outcomes
- To increase opportunity for children and young people with a disability and/or sensory impairment to live a full and active life
- To promote the engagement of children and young people with disabilities in service design and delivery
- To improve employment opportunities for young people with disabilities and inspire a generation.

The Action Plan sets out priorities under each theme and then maps them against Outcome Measures that are reported through existing Strategies and Outcome Frameworks.

2. Conclusion

The CWD Commissioning Strategy and Action Plan is a multi-agency document that ensures continued good services for children with disabilities and a plan to improve these further.

3. Consultation

a) Policy Proofing Actions Required

n/a

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	CWD Commissioning Strategy and Action Plan

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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