

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

Report to:	Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee
Date:	08 September 2017
Subject:	Children and Young People's Commissioning Strategies

Summary:

The Children and Young People's Commissioning Strategies set out our vision for the future priorities of children's services, and how we plan to commission them moving forward. There is a separate strategy for each of the four children's commissioning areas:

- Children are **Safe and Healthy**
- Children **Learn and Achieve**
- Children are **Ready for Adult Life**
- Children are **Ready for School**

Each strategy proposes a series of recommendations to support sustainability and continuous improvement of the service; providing a strategic framework to support ongoing decision making.

The strategies have been developed to provide an overarching strategic approach for how we work together with families to enhance children's present and future lives and to meet the challenge of delivering the services that children and their families need, within the difficult financial climate that we continue to face.

The strategies are set against a backdrop of both financial and demographic challenges and must respond to meeting the requirements of Lincolnshire children and young people whilst working collaboratively with our strategic partners. Commissioning activity will support improving outcomes for children and young people as well as to reduce the financial burden on the local public purse and provide good value for the people of Lincolnshire.

Actions Required:

The Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee is invited to:

1. support and endorse each strategy;
2. approve the planned review timetable set out in section 9 of each strategy.

1. Background

In 2014 the Council adopted a 'Commissioning for Lincolnshire' model, focussing on achieving positive outcomes for the people of Lincolnshire and set out to develop 17 commissioning strategies to enable the Council to achieve its priorities.

The Commissioning for Lincolnshire principles which have been adopted for developing and delivering the Commissioning Strategies are:

- Councillors are at the heart of shaping and making strategic decisions
- Emphasis on understanding needs in the context of political priorities
- Focus on outcomes we are seeking to achieve and organising around them
- Commissioning with others where that would improve results
- Consistent approaches in all areas
- Right skills in the right place and at the right time
- High quality support operating across the Council
- Commissioners ultimately accountable
- Members and commissioners hold all service providers rigorously to account

Previously, the creation of a Children and Young People's Plan (C&YPP) was a statutory responsibility until 31 October 2010 when under the Coalition Government, the Children and Young People's Plan Regulations were revoked. This meant that Children's Trust Boards were no longer required to produce a statutory Children and Young People's Plan.

2. Conclusion

The latest Lincolnshire C&YPP covered the period 2013-16 and will be superseded by the implementation of the four children and young people's commissioning strategies which will be in place from 2017-20:

- Safe and Healthy
- Readiness for Adult Life
- Readiness for School
- Learn and Achieve

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Ongoing periodic progress reports will be reported to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee to identify developments made and any new emerging priorities.

3. Consultation

a) Have Risks and Impact Analysis been carried out?

Yes

b) Risks and Impact Analysis

Key risks against proposed actions are identified within each commissioning strategy.

Equality Impact Analysis is attached as Appendix E of this report.

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Safe & Healthy Commissioning Strategy (Draft)
Appendix B	Readiness for Adult Life Commissioning Strategy (Draft)
Appendix C	Readiness for School Commissioning Strategy (Draft)
Appendix D	Learn & Achieve Commissioning Strategy (Draft)
Appendix E	Equality Impact Analysis

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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