

## **COUNCIL MEETING – 24 SEPTEMBER 2009**

### **Recommendations to Council from the Executive: 15 September 2009**

#### **(b) 15 September 2009**

#### **Minute CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLES No. PLAN 2009 - 2010 E/09/58**

The Executive considered a report from Councillor Mrs Anita Lewis, Portfolio Holder for Children's Services seeking endorsement of the Central Bedfordshire Children and Young People's Plan.

The Children and Young People's Plan, produced by the Central Bedfordshire Children and Young People's Trust and a requirement under the Children's Act 2004, is the single, statutory, strategic overarching plan for all services which directly affect children and young people in the area. It shows how all relevant partners will integrate provision to improve well-being across all five Every Child Matters outcomes and focuses on specific challenges and priorities.

The Executive was advised that Children and Young People's Plans are key in setting out an area's strategic intentions for children, young people and families and provide the basis against which local authorities and partners will be inspected and assessed. The Central Bedfordshire Children and Young People's Trust agreed that the plan would be in place for eighteen months so that emerging guidance and legislation expected later in 2010 could inform the new plan that is likely to need to be published in 2011.

The Portfolio Holder for Children's Services in moving the recommendation congratulated the Children's Trust, formed in March 2009, for its hard work in developing the plan.

During consideration of the plan and in receiving the comments from the Children, Families and Learning Overview and Scrutiny Committee from its meeting on 11 August, members noted the Trust's response to the Committee's comments and subsequent amendments that it had made to the plan.

In response to a number of questions and comments raised by members the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services advised that the Children and Young People's Plan would be reviewed on an annual basis. As the plan was an overarching document, delivery plans were required for each of the priorities which would be considered at the next meeting of the Children's Trust in October 2009.

Reason for decision: To ensure that Central Bedfordshire Council meets its statutory duty as set out in the Children Act 2004 to co-operate with partners to produce a Children and Young People's Plan for all local services for children and young people. To meet the duty this plan is written in partnership with other agencies.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the Central Bedfordshire Children and Young People's Plan be endorsed.**

***RECOMMENDED:***

***That the Central Bedfordshire Children and Young People's Plan be adopted.***