
Meeting: Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date: 28 June 2011
Subject: Children's Trust Annual Report
Report of: Councillor Mark Versallion, Executive Member for Children's Services
Summary: The report presents to Members the Annual report of the Children's Trust which sets out progress in delivering the priorities in the Children and Young People's Plan.

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Contact Officer: Sylvia Gibson, Assistant Director Learning and Strategic Commissioning
Public/Exempt: Public
Wards Affected: All
Function of: Council

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

The Children and Young People's Plan supports the Council deliver the following Council priorities:

- Educating, protecting and providing opportunities for children and young people.
- Creating safer communities.
- Promoting healthier lifestyles.

Financial:

Working with partners to deliver services together in a more integrated way, with a focus on prevention and early intervention is a key driver of the plan and will in the longer term deliver efficiencies. All priorities and actions are developed within partners' current resources.

Legal:

None.

Risk Management:

Risk is part of delivery planning for the Children's Plan and regular quarterly monitoring of performance supports effective risk management.

Staffing (including Trades Unions):

None.

Equalities/Human Rights:

During the development of the plan equalities issues and impacts were considered, and included in the priorities are a number of strategic actions which identify children and young people who are not achieving, who are excluded or in vulnerable circumstances. An Equalities Impact Assessment was completed alongside the development of the Plan.

Community Safety:

Protecting children and keeping them safe is a priority in the new Children and Young People's Plan which contributes to delivering safer communities.

Sustainability:

Sustainable schools are a priority for the Transforming Learning agenda and this has been set out in the Education Vision for Central Bedfordshire which links to the Children and Young People's Plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. that

- (a) The progress in delivering the priorities in the Children and Young People's Plan for 2010/2011 is noted as at Appendix A; and**
- (b) Members record any questions or comments that they would like the Children's Trust to consider in delivering the priorities set out in the Children and Young People's Plan 2011/2014 at Appendix B.**

Background

1. The first Children and Young People Plan was agreed in September 2009 and is attached at Appendix C for information. Although a new plan was developed and agreed by the Council in 2011 it is the plan at Appendix C, which was in operation during 2010 /2011
2. Since January 2010, the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee has played a key role in scrutinising the work of the Children's Trust Delivery Groups in delivering the priorities in the Children and Young People's Plan 2009-2011.
3. The Committee has also commented on the priorities in the new plan which is now in place from 2011-2014.

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4. Progress against the priorities in the Children and Young People's Plan is reviewed annually.

5. Attached at Appendix A is the second and final annual review of the Children and Young People's Plan 2009-2011.

Conclusion

6. Members are asked to consider the Annual Report and make any comments in relation to the progress of partners in delivering the priorities in the plan for 2010/2011, and to make any comments for the Children's Trust to consider in delivering the new Children and Young People's Plan as at Appendix B.

Appendices:

Appendix A – Children's Trust Annual Report

Appendix B – Children and Young People's Plan 2011-2014

Appendix C – Children and Young People's Plan 2009-2011

Background Papers: (open to public inspection)

Children and Young People's Plan: Overview and Scrutiny Comments (Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 14 September 2010)

Location of papers: Priory House, Chicksands