
Meeting: Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date: 24 July 2012
Subject: Children's Trust Annual Report
Report of: Cllr Mark Versallion, Executive Member for Children's Services
Summary: Members are presented with the Annual Report of the Children's Trust which sets out progress in delivering the priorities of the Children and Young People's Plan 2011-14.

Advising Officer: Pete Dudley, Acting Director of Children's Services
Contact Officer: Karen Oellermann - Head of Performance, Partnerships and Workforce Development
Public/Exempt: Public
Wards Affected: All
Function of: Council

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

1. The Children and Young People's Plan supports the Council in delivering the following priorities:
 - Educating, protecting and providing opportunities for children and young people
 - Creating safer communities
 - Promoting healthier lifestyles.

Financial:

2. Prevention and early intervention are key drivers of the Plan which are expected to deliver efficiencies in the long term. Work continues with partners to deliver services together in a more integrated way, with all priorities and actions developed within partners' current resources.

Legal:

3. Not applicable.

Risk Management:

4. Risk is considered through the delivery planning process for the Children and Young People's Plan. Regular quarterly monitoring of performance supports effective risk management.

Staffing (including Trades Unions):

5. Not Applicable.

Equalities/Human Rights:

6. The priorities include a number of strategic actions which identify children and young people who are not achieving, who are excluded or in vulnerable circumstances. (An Equality Impact Assessment was completed alongside the development of the 2011-14 Plan.)

Public Health

7. The Children and Young People's Plan sets out the vision of wanting every young person to be 'prepared to take their full place in society as a happy, healthy, contributing and confident citizen'. This is underpinned by priorities and actions aimed at improving children's emotional and physical health (particularly in the most deprived areas and for vulnerable groups).

Community Safety:

8. Not applicable.

Procurement:

9. Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION:**The Committee is asked to:-**

- **Consider the Annual Report and progress made in 2011/12 delivering the priorities of the Children and Young People's Plan (Appendix A).**

Background

10. The first Children and Young People's Plan was agreed in September 2009.
11. Since the first Plan was agreed, there have been significant changes at local, national and international level and, a key legal and policy change brought in by the Coalition Government means that there is no longer a legal requirement to produce a Children and Young People's Plan.
12. Partners discussed these changes and agreed the importance of continuing to work together and a second Children and Young People's Plan 2011-14 was developed and agreed.

The Children's Trust Annual Report

13. Progress against the priorities of the Children and Young People's Plan is reviewed annually.

14. Attached is the first annual review of the Central Bedfordshire Children and Young People's Plan 2011-14 setting out progress to the end of March 2012.
15. The review provides:
- A summary of progress to date
 - An overview of progress for each of the 5 priorities: and
 - End of year performance for indicators agreed in the CYPP, where available.

Conclusion

16. Members are asked to consider the Annual Report and to make comments in relation to the progress of partners in delivering the priorities in the Plan.

Appendices:

Appendix A – Annual Report: March 2012 (Central Bedfordshire's Children and Young People's Plan 2011-14)

Background papers and their location:

Central Bedfordshire Children and Young People's Plan 2011-2014 published at:
www.centralbedfordshirechildrenstrust.org.uk