

**Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development**

**Report to Scrutiny Board (Children and Families)**

**Date: 18 December 2014**

**Subject: Children and Young Peoples Plan – Scrutiny and the Budget and Policy Framework**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**1 Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 The Children and Young Peoples Plan forms part of Leeds City Councils Budget and Policy Framework.
- 1.2 This report outlines the process for developing the framework and the role that Scrutiny has in development.<sup>1</sup>

**2. Main Issues**

- 2.1 In accordance with the procedure rules the Executive<sup>2</sup> will publish its initial proposals, for the plan, strategy or budget within the Budget and Policy Framework at least two months before a plan/strategy/budget needs to be adopted. A report was presented to the Executive Board on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November where the Executive Board noted the proposals for initiating the conversation about the shape of the Children and Young People’s Plan 2015-19, noted that the officer responsible for the such matters is the Chief Officer, Partnership, Development and Business Support and noted that a proposal that the Plan be formally considered by Council in April 2015.
- 2.2 The Executive’s initial proposals are referred to the appropriate Scrutiny Board for further advice and consideration. The Scrutiny Board can further canvass the views of local stakeholders if it considers it appropriate in accordance with the matter

<sup>1</sup> Part 4f of the Corporate Constitution – Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules

<sup>2</sup> Directors have delegated authority to canvass the views of local stakeholders, formulate and publish initial proposals within the budget and policy framework on behalf of the executive.

under consideration, having particular regard not to duplicate any consultation that may be carried out by the Executive. The Scrutiny Board shall report to the Executive on the outcome of its deliberations.

- 2.3 The Council shall, when considering the Plan in April 2015, have before it the Executive's proposals and any report from the Scrutiny Board.

### **3 Corporate Considerations**

#### **3.1 Consultation and Engagement**

The Board will undertake consultation where it is deemed appropriate having regard to consultation that may be carried out by the Executive.

#### **3.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration.**

- 3.2.1 The Equality Improvement Priorities 2011 to 2015 have been developed to ensure our legal duties are met under the Equality Act 2010. The priorities will help the council to achieve its ambition to be the best City in the UK and ensure that as a city work takes place to reduce disadvantage, discrimination and inequalities of opportunity.
- 3.2.2 Equality and diversity will be a consideration throughout the Scrutiny process and due regard will be given to equality through the use of information, written and verbal, outcomes from consultation and engagement activities.
- 3.2.3 The Scrutiny Board may engage and involve interested groups and individuals (both internal and external to the council) to inform this process.
- 3.2.4 Where an impact has been identified this will be reflected in the report to the Executive.

#### **3.3 Council Policies and City Priorities**

This report outlines the process for developing the framework. The Children and Young Peoples Plan forms part of this framework.

#### **3.4 Resources and Value for Money**

There is no resource or value for money implications relating to this report.

#### **3.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

None

#### **3.6 Risk Management**

None

### **4.0 Recommendations**

The Scrutiny Board (Children and Families) is recommended to:

- a) Note and consider the report of the Director of Children's Services and the consultation questions detailed in paragraph 6.
- b) Consider if there is a requirement to further canvass the views of local stakeholders as appropriate.
- c) Consider the information to be reported back to the Executive with regard to the Children and Young Peoples Plan.

## **5.0 Background documents<sup>3</sup>**

None

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<sup>3</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.