

**Report of the Director of Children’s Services**

**Outer West Area Committee**

**Date: 19<sup>th</sup> December 2008**

**Subject: The Children and Young People’s Plan 2009-14 and the development of local priorities for action**

**Electoral Wards Affected:**

All

Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)

**Specific Implications For:**

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report sets out a proposed structure for the new Children and Young People’s Plan (CYPP), describes its first cut priorities after consultation, and suggests how we may develop local relevancy to inform the work of Children’s services in the area committee area over the next five years.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee is asked to:

- Note the contents of the report.
- Nominate an Elected Member to work with the Locality Enabler and the Area Manager on behalf of the Area Committee to develop the local context for these priorities and develop local actions for the Area Delivery Plan 2009/10.

## **1.0 Purpose of report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to outline the draft city-wide CYPP framework and priorities and seek the involvement of the Area Committee in identifying local priorities for children and young people to drive the work of Children's services in this Area Committee area.

## **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 The Children's Act 2004 required all local authorities to produce a Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) to act as the single over-arching strategy for improving the outcomes of children and young people. The first Leeds Children and Young People's Plan was completed in 2006 and covers the three years 2006-09. Currently, we are developing a new plan for the city which – it is envisaged - will run for 5 years (2009-14).
- 2.2 It is proposed that we do not develop any further wedge CYPPs or replicate the individual service plans for agencies that already exist and have their accountability mechanisms in place. Rather we develop local priorities for joint action and that the area delivery plan becomes the definitive document by which area committees discharge their enhanced role in influencing, and their developmental and consultative responsibilities, in relation to Children's Services (as per the Exec Board of 16 July 2008).

## **3.0 Process for developing the draft CYPP 2009**

- 3.1 The draft of the new CYPP (2009-14) has been informed by an extended period of learning, debate and analysis. Over the past year a wide range of processes and the input of a wide range of partners have helped to develop this new framework and its contents.

## **4.0 Draft CYPP 09 priorities**

- 4.1 The improvement priorities set out in the proposed structure are based on those in the Leeds Strategic Plan. From our work so far with a range of stakeholders, the priorities appear to be -
- Improving early learning outcomes in deprived areas (Foundation Stage Profile/Key Stage 2)
  - Reducing teenage conception rates
  - Reducing secondary persistent absence
  - Reducing numbers of young people not in employment, education or training (NEET)
  - Reducing the need for children to be in care (the priority previously known as reducing the number of Looked After Children)
  - Improving outcomes for Looked After Children
  - Reducing child poverty.
  - Places to go, things to do

## **5.0 Next steps**

- 5.1 Area Committees and local children's services leadership teams are being asked to review the city-wide priorities described in **Section 4.1** within the local context and to nominate a lead Elected Member on behalf of the area committee to work with the Locality Enabler to identify key local issues which will be built into the Area Delivery Plans for 2009/10.
- 5.2 Local Wedge Leadership Teams will hold a collective accountability to deliver the actions in collaboration with and supportive of extended service clusters in local communities.

Integrated children's services teams are currently being developed to ensure resource is increasingly locked into family-centred responses.

- 5.3 After the recent themed meetings on extended services delivered by Children's Services within many Area Committee areas, Elected Member engagement with extended service clusters would be welcomed. It would provide a greater understanding and influencing of the work of Children's Services in and around their wards, as we reengineer resources for more effective and personalized responses to family need.

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## **Background Papers**

- Children and Young People's Plan 2006-09
- Exec Board Report 16 July 2008: Area Committee Roles for 2008/09