
Report of the Director of Children's Services

Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)

Date: 17th July 2008

Subject: Children and Young People's Plan 2009: Consultation Process

Electoral Wards Affected: All

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

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Community Cohesion

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Narrowing the Gap

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1.0 Purpose of report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to explain to the Board the arrangements for developing the next Leeds Children and Young People's Plan, and to set out how the Board will be involved.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The Children Act requires all Local Authorities to work with their local partners to develop a Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP). The purpose of this plan is to be the single, over-arching strategy which sets out how all local services will work together to improve the lives of children and young people.
- 2.2 The first Leeds CYPP was developed and approved in 2005-2006. The plan covers the years 2006-2009 and so is now in its final year. As such work is now underway to develop a new CYPP which will set out the overall strategy, key outcomes and improvement priorities for the next five years.

3.0 Arrangements for developing the plan

- 3.1 The arrangements for developing the new plan aim to involve all local services, partners and children and young people in line with the successful work in 2005 that involved thousands of children, young people, parents and frontline staff. This time this will be easier as it can build on existing arrangements and the valuable information gained in the recent CYPP Review and also the feedback from inspections in the Joint Area Review and Annual Performance Assessment.

3.2 The timescale for developing the plan is set out below:

- January – June 2008. CYPP Review – analysis on outcomes and progress to date. Consultation with partners, staff and Elected Members to inform review
- June – September 2008. Consultation for CYPP [See appendix A]. All partner agencies asked to provide input through existing forums and Boards.
- September - October 2008. Workshops with elected members, Children Leeds Partnership, Integrated Strategic Commissioning Board (ISCB) to agree key outcomes and improvement priorities.
- October 2008 – December 2008. Further development of plan. Emerging priorities used to inform budget, commissioning and operational planning. These in turn provide detail for action plans in CYPP.
- January 2009 – March 2009. Consultation and approval of CYPP. To include Scrutiny Board, Children Leeds Partnership, ISCB, Executive Board and Full Council.

3.3 A standard feedback form and consultation pack are available on the Children Leeds website. These are attached at appendix A and B respectively.

4.0 Recommendations

3.1 The Board is requested to:-

- (i) Agree to the proposed arrangements for involving the Board in developing the new CYPP.