

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SELECT COMMITTEE		
Report Title	Children and Young People's Plan 2015-18	
Key Decision	Yes	Item no. 5
Ward	All	
Contributors	Executive Director for Children and Young People	
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1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members of the Children and Young People's Select Committee the opportunity to shape the development of the new Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) 2015-18, and informs the Committee of the timetable for publication.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee notes the report and considers the proposed content of the Children and Young People's Plan 2015-18 for comment.

3. Background

- 3.1 Lewisham's Children and Young People's Plan sets out the strategic aims for all agencies working with children and young people across the Borough. We are currently in the process of developing Lewisham's fifth Plan to cover the period 2015-18. The new Plan will continue to structure and support the work of the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership. It will evidence how we will work together to deliver high quality services that make a measurable difference to outcomes for our children and young people.

4. The Lewisham Context

- 4.1 Lewisham's Children and Young People's Plan will deliver against the Council's priorities, specifically:
- Young people's achievement & involvement
 - Protection of children
- 4.2 Additionally, the CYPP underpins Shaping Our Future – Lewisham's Sustainable Community Strategy 2008–2020 and sets out how partnership agencies working with children, young people and their families will support the delivery of the borough's priorities for the wider community: ambitious and

achieving; safer; empowered and responsible; clean, green and liveable; healthy, active and enjoyable; and dynamic and prosperous.

The CYPP also takes forward our Health and Wellbeing priorities on behalf of the Health and Wellbeing Board and reflects the strategy for children and young people with the CCG.

- 4.3 Lewisham has a high proportion of 0-19 year olds, and has had a steady increase the number children in the borough in recent years. Births have increased by 34% between 2000/02 and 2009/10. Our population and in particular our school population continues to be extremely diverse with more than 170 languages spoken in our schools. Deprivation is also increasing. In the specific indicator of Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI 2010) Lewisham was ranked 19 out of all London Authorities. It is estimated that 30.3% of children in the borough live in poverty.
- 4.4 The Plan is being developed at a time of increasing demand on services, and reduced resources. In this environment we must be even more vigilant to ensure resources are targeted appropriately, using the right intervention at the right time, focused on making a real difference to children's lives.

5. **Process for developing our CYPP**

- 5.1 **Needs analysis:** To ensure we include the right priorities in the new CYPP, we are conducting a thorough needs analysis and reviewing the progress made in our previous Plan (2012-15). While we have made significant improvements across many of our priorities to improve outcomes for children and young people, the majority remain significant and relevant and will continue to be prioritised in the new CYPP.

Priorities in which we are performing well include:

- Health Assessments for our Looked After Children have improved following partnership action, with LAC aged under 4 who have a health check within the last twelve months consistently meeting 100%.
- There has been a significant increase in the number of children receiving a short break.
- Our universal and targeted support services are reaching more families.
- There is a continued strong performance in our adoption scorecard.
- Our children continue to achieve well at EYFS, Key stages 1 and 2.

Priorities where further improvement is needed include:

- Ensuring that our rate of immunisation for MMR2 (5th birthday) improves
- Although improving, teenage conceptions rates remain a challenge.
- Obesity rates both nationally and in Lewisham continue to rise.
- There is an increase in the number of children reaching the threshold for Children Social Care
- While improving, placement stability for looked after children remains a concern.
- Education standards at Key Stage 4.

- 5.2 **Collaboration and Consultation:** The CYPP 2015-18 will be developed with and informed by key partners including health, schools, the police and the

voluntary and community sector, as well as children and young people, parents and carers.

In November 2014, the Strategy team attended Voluntary Action Lewisham's CYP Forum to review our 2012-2015 CYPP, and discuss priorities for the future.

A draft structure for the 2015-2018 CYPP was then developed, and taken to the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Board in January 2015 to seek agreement to consult more formally.

Papers presenting the outline of the new CYPP have been taken to key partnership fora and working groups to seek feedback and agree key outcomes, actions and performance measures for the new plan, including Lewisham CCG, CYP Joint Commissioning Group, the Healthy Child Programme Board, the SEND programme board, the Health of LAC group and Secondary Heads.

This consultation programme will continue to ensure that all stakeholders are fully engaged to ensure that our CYPP 2015-18 continues to reflect our collective ambition and commitment to work together to improve outcomes for our children and young people.

6. Proposed Structure & Content of the CYPP 2015-18

- 6.1** It is proposed to develop a structure for our CYPP that will be suitable for web based publication. Key messages that are central to our partnership and CYPP will remain: our aim, vision and values and our culture:

Our Vision and Values:

Together with families, we will improve the lives and life chances of the children and young people in Lewisham

- We will put our children and young people first every time
- We will have the highest aspirations and ambitions for all our children and young people
- We will make a positive difference to the lives of children and young people

Our Culture:

- We all work for children
- All Lewisham's children are all of our concern
- All money is children's money
- We intervene early and target children and families at risk of poor outcomes – including siblings
- We all have personal responsibility to integrate and share information
- There can be no resignation from the TAC – we do not just refer on, we have no wrong door

6.2 Priorities

We will deliver our CYPP 2015-2018 through **priority areas**, which will include our partnership actions linked to robust performance measures for the next three years, and **key areas for impact**, which are areas where we know that partnership action is required to achieve our outcomes.

Informed by our needs analysis and our consultation to date, it is proposed that we have four priority areas as set out below –

- **Stay safe** - All our children and young people will live in safe and stable homes, where they are kept safe and are able to thrive. Abusive relationships will be challenged by all, so that children grow up surrounded and supported by secure and healthy relationships. The priority Stay Safe will remain to ensure safeguarding remains a central focus across the work of the Partnership.

To ensure that our children and young people stay safe we will:

- Reduce child abuse and neglect
- Reduce harm to children and young people at risk.
This includes risk from domestic violence and abuse inc FGM and forced marriage, Child Sexual Exploitation, the 'Prevent' agenda.
- Provide secure and consistent support for LAC
- Provide early help and support to families at risk of poor outcomes
- Ensure young people feel safe, including victims of crime
- Reduce anti-social behaviour and youth offending.

- **Resilience** - Children, young people and families are able to sustain their own emotional and physical health and wellbeing, knowing when and where to go for support. Strong, supportive relationships with parents, peers and their communities will help children and young people to overcome challenges and adversity, leading to improved life outcomes.

To ensure that we build the resilience of our children and young people, and their families we will:

- Increase breastfeeding and promote attachment
- Reduce toxic stress in the early years
- Provide an integrated Early years offer (Health Visiting, Children's Centres and Maternity Services)
- Promote emotional resilience (Headstart)
- Ensure access to holistic support for children, young people and families
- Provide integrated support for young children with SEND
- Meet the housing needs of young people
- Strengthen further participation and involvement

- **Achieve and attain** - All children will enter school at a good level of development and continue to be engaged and participate in learning, with a secure range of opportunities that meet their individual needs and interests, including extracurricular and social opportunities as they move into adulthood and work.

So that our children and young people achieve their full potential, at school and as they move into employment, education and training post 16, we will:

- Ensure all our children are 'school ready'
 - Raise achievement for all our children and young people at all Key Stages
 - Provide support for young carers.
 - Improve attendance, especially in Secondary school
 - Ensure there are sufficient school places for every Lewisham child
 - Reduce the number of young people who are NEET 16-24
 - Raise participation and achievement at age 19.
- **Healthy and active** - Children and families will be confident and able to make healthy lifestyle choices including diet, nutrition and activity, and will understand how this can improve development and wellbeing.

To ensure that our children, young people and families are enabled to lead healthy lives we will:

- Improve our rate of Immunisations
- Reduce low birth weight
- Reduce childhood obesity
- Promote mental and emotional wellbeing
- Improve the health of Looked After Children
- Promote culture, sport, leisure and play activities
- Further reduce teenage conceptions and the rate of STIs
- Reduce substance misuse

6.3 Key Areas for Impact

The Partnership remains committed to our key areas of impact, and those in our 2012-2015 CYPP remain relevant now:

- **Intervene Early to Make a Difference** - Continue the work achieved by the partnership so far in embedding early intervention and targeted support approaches so that they have direct impact for children.
- **Involve Children and Young People and their families** - Ensuring that children and young people are involved in every part of the services that they receive – at an individual level, for example in their Education, Health and Care Plans, and at a strategic level, for example in the commissioning cycle, and our young people's forum guiding our Headstart programme.
- **Have the best people working for our children and young people** - All organisations working with, and for our children and young people will have a strong, committed and highly skilled workforce supported by outstanding leadership and management.
- **Close the gaps and secure social mobility** - To ensure that the highest ambitions and aspirations for all our children are promoted across the partnership, with a focus on closing the gaps

6.4 Governance, resources & joint commissioning intentions

As part of the development of the CYPP 2015-2018, the Partnership will review governance arrangements, especially in light of the proposals developed as part of Lewisham's 'A Better Start' Bid, to ensure that children and young people, residents, the voluntary and community sector, service providers and the public sector have full engagement and ownership of outcomes and impact for our children and young people.

The Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Board will be the board overseeing the delivery and impact of the CYPP 2015-2018, providing leadership and direction across agencies that deliver services to children, young people and their families in the borough.

The Joint Commissioning Group (JCG) sits below the CYPSPB and has responsibility for bringing together resources across the partnership and to ensure that these are aligned to deliver efficient and effective services, designed to improve outcomes. The JCG will be responsible for delivery and monitoring of partnership resources and the joint commissioning intentions within the CYPP 2015-2018.

The LSCB also reports into the CYPSPB and has responsibility for ensuring that safeguarding practice and process are robust and effective across the partnership.

As part of the infrastructure of the Partnership, a number of working groups are in place to deliver against priorities in the Children and Young People's Plan. These are time limited groups that are reviewed regularly.

7. Next steps and key dates

7.1 Below are key dates in the development and completion of the Children and Young People's Plan 2015-18

Activity	By when
Consultation and Engagement with key stakeholders	January - April 2015
Stakeholder event	May 2015
Final Draft of the Plan presented for agreement by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children and Young People's Joint Commissioning Group – Commissioning Intentions• Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Board• Children and Young People's Select Committee• Mayor and Cabinet	June 2015 July 2015 September 2015 September 2015

- Publication of the Children and Young People's Plan 2015-18

September 2015