

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SELECT COMMITTEE		
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Ward	All	
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Purpose of the report

1. The purpose of this report is to brief Members of the Children and Young People's Select Committee on the development of a new Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) 2019-22, and informs the Committee of the timetable for publication.

Recommendations

2. It is recommended that the Children and Young People's Select Committee:
 - i) notes this report and comments on the proposed contents of the Children and Young People's Plan 2019-22.

Background

3. 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 sixth Plan to cover the period 2019-22. The Plan is led by Council officers, but belongs to the Partnership of agencies working to improve children's lives in Lewisham.
4. The new Plan will continue to structure and support the work of the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership. It will evidence how the Partnership will work together to make a measurable difference to outcomes for children and young people living in Lewisham.

Policy framework

5. The Children and Young People's Plan sits within the wider strategic framework of Council priorities set out in the Lewisham's Corporate Strategy 2018-22, which has a clear focus on the importance of strong effective partnership working in delivering improved outcomes.

6. The Corporate Priorities are as follows:

- open Lewisham - Lewisham is a welcoming place for all where we celebrate the diversity that strengthens us.
- tackling the housing crisis - everyone has a decent home that is secure and affordable.
- giving children and young people the best start in life - every child has access to an outstanding and inspiring education and is given the support they need to keep them safe, well and able to achieve their full potential.
- building an inclusive local economy - everyone can access high quality job opportunities, with decent pay and security in our thriving and inclusive local economy.
- delivering and defending: Health, Social Care and Support - ensuring everyone receives the health, mental health, social care and support services they need.
- making Lewisham greener - everyone enjoys our green spaces and benefits from a healthy environment as we work to protect and improve our local environment.
- building safer communities - every resident feels safe and secure living here as we work together towards a borough free from the fear of crime.

7. The Children and Young People's Plan is referred to in Article 4.2 of Lewisham Council's Constitution as part of the Council's policy framework. As such, the Children and Young People's Plan is a document for which a decision is reserved to Full Council.

Children and young people's context

8. The proportion of Lewisham population who are children and young people has remained steady over the years, with about one of four Lewisham residents aged 0-19 years. The borough's population and in particular the school population, continues to be extremely diverse; 76% of pupils identify as Black and Minority Ethnic (compared to 46% for the borough as a whole) and more than 70 languages are spoken by pupils attending the borough's schools.
9. Deprivation affecting children remains a challenge, with about one in four Lewisham children living in poverty. Across Lewisham, levels of income deprivation are particularly pronounced in Evelyn, Bellingham, Downham and Whitefoot wards. In terms of the health of the borough's children and young people, childhood obesity is one of the biggest areas of concern.
10. Lewisham's Children and Young People's Plan 2019-22 is being developed at a time of increasing demand on services and continued reduced resources. In this environment, the Council and its partners must be even more vigilant to ensure that limited resources are used appropriately and that effort is placed on putting in place support and help

at the right time. In addition, emphasis needs to be placed on listening to what children and families need, in order for them to negotiate the challenges they face.

11. It is also important for the Council and its partners to recognise that it is not just resources that will make a difference but the way we work together to provide support to children, young people and their families. As such, it is everyone's responsibility to support and help find solutions.

Process for developing our CYPP 2019-22

12. To ensure we include the right priorities in the new Plan, we have conducted a thorough needs analysis, including reviewing the progress made in our previous Plan (2015-18). In total there were 89 performance measures in the Plan.
13. The review evidenced that in 20% of the measures significant improvements had been achieved. For example:
 - Breast feeding initiation - 11th highest in England. 6-8 weeks initiation the highest in England for 2016-17
 - The number of families where homelessness is prevented continues to increase
 - Good level of development EYFSP - among the top three performing local authorities for the last 4 years
 - Attendance of Looked After Children at school has improved and is good
 - Children subject to a child protection plan for second or subsequent time is below statistical neighbours and better than the national average (an indicator of the effectiveness of social work intervention)
 - The % of children obese at reception age reduced
 - Under 18 conception rate has reduced by 71% since 1998
14. The review evidenced that for 20% of indicators improvements had not been achieved. For example:
 - The number of severely obese women at their maternity appointment increased
 - The percentage of LAC who had an initial health assessment within 28 days reduced
 - Persistent absence in primary schools increased slightly
 - % of births where the weight is less than 2500g has increases (the pre-term birth rate is the 2nd highest in London).
15. More than 50% of the targets have been more difficult to measure or to impact on, during the life of the Plan, for a variety of reasons. For example, specific projects had ceased to be commissioned, or there was no longer national data available in a timely way to measure progress.

16. As part of the development of this Plan, consultation exercises were undertaken from February 2018 through to January 2019 to inform the priorities for the new Plan. The consultation process has been collaborative and involved key partners including health, schools, the police and the voluntary and community sector, as well as children and young people, parents and carers.
17. In March 2018 the Council hosted a well-attended partnership event, which supported developing the direction of our priorities. A draft structure for the 2019-2019 CYPP was then developed, and taken to the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Board in February 2019.
18. 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 the Voluntary Action Lewisham Children and Young People's Forum; Lewisham Clinical Commissioning Group's, Integrated Joint Commissioning Group and Lewisham teachers.

Proposed structure and content of the CYPP 2019-22

19. The consultation agreed that Council and its partners should keep the aim, vision and values that are central to our work with the borough's children and young people as follows.

"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

Early help – using shared data and intelligence

20. The Council and its partners know that intervening early when problems are identified, is critically important in impacting on improving outcomes for children young people and their parents and carers. As a result, it is the shared desire of the partnership to focus on:

- a joint understanding of what early help is and the important part all agencies play in recognising and taking responsibility when support is needed.
- using data and intelligence well. This will give a clear focus on providing the most appropriate intervention as early as possible

Our priorities and next steps

21. The Council and its partners have identified three priority areas to harness how our partnership will work individually and jointly to improve the lives of children and young people in Lewisham.
22. This plan does not attempt to bring all of the partnership's processes together but signposts to organisational plans where this work is done. It is focussed on how best to effect collaborative engagement as well as understanding of where this is not happening and what needs to be done to effect change. The priorities for the Plan are set out below, with Appendices attached.

Governance

23. The Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Board (CYPSPB) will oversee the delivery of the CYPP 2019-22, providing leadership and direction to all partners who provide support to children, young people and their families in the borough.
24. The Integrated Joint Commissioning Group (IJCG) 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 IJCG will be responsible for delivery and monitoring of partnership resources and the joint commissioning intentions reporting the CYPSPB.

Next steps and key dates

25. Below are key dates in the development and completion of the Children and Young People's Plan 2019-22

CYP Select Committee	Mayor and Cabinet	Mayor and Cabinet Call in	Overview & Business Panel	Full Council	Published
30 th April	5 th June	17 th June	18 th June	17 th July	31 st July

Legal implications

26. There are no specific legal implications arising from this report, except for the requirement to fulfil statutory duties and roles, as part of interagency strategic planning.

Financial implications

27. This is a partnership plan and at a very broad strategic level so does not contain costed proposals as such but rather represents an indication of how all the resources across the council, health and other services, will come together to support children and young people in Lewisham,

targeted in the best possible way. Children and Young People’s Directorate will be responsible for delivering the council’s part in the commitments within the already agreed budget levels. Effective partnership working and a focus on early help and intervention should contribute towards bringing the Children and Young People’s budget within target and to best use of resources.

Crime and disorder implications

28. Section 17 places a duty on partners to do all they can to reasonably prevent crime and disorder in their area. The level of crime and its impact is influenced by the decisions and activities taken in the day-to-day of local bodies and organisations.
29. The responsible authorities are required to provide a range of services in their community from policing, fire protection, planning, consumer and environmental protection, transport and highways. They each have a key statutory role in providing these services and, in carrying out their core activities, can significantly contribute to reducing crime and improving the quality of life in their area.

Equalities implications

30. The Children and Young People’s Plan is one of the five high level strategic plans that support the Council’s Comprehensive Equalities Scheme 2016-20. The Comprehensive Equalities Scheme includes the following five objectives:
- Tackle victimisation, discrimination and harassment
 - Improve access to services
 - Close the gap in outcomes for citizens
 - Increase mutual respect and understanding within and between communities
 - Increase participation and engagement
31. The underlying principles, priority outcomes and success measures contained within the Children’s and Young People’s Plan, demonstrate how the Council and its partners will contribute to Comprehensive Equalities Scheme objectives.

Supplementary documentation	
Ref	Documents referenced
1	Children and Young People’s Plan 2019-22
2	Children and Young People’s Plan 2015-18
3	Comprehensive Equalities Scheme 2016-20

Appendix A: Draft Performance Outcomes Framework

Priority 1: Children and young people have the best start in life and are protected from harm	We will know that we will have been successful by:
1. Children and families who are at risk of poor outcomes will be Identified and offered effective early support.	During 2019/20 we are reviewing how our partnership supports children and young people and their families to access early help across universal, targeted and specialist services. This will include developing the measures to know how well we are doing to enable the right interventions to be provided in a timely way.
2. Children will access the full range of early learning entitlements in high quality provision, including nursery schools, nursery classes in schools, day nurseries, pre-schools and childminders; enabling them to build solid foundations for future success and readiness for their Reception year.	Increased funded take up of 2 year old, 3 year old and four 4 year old places including 30 hours entitlements
3. The partnership will work together to take a collective, public health whole system approach to tackling exploitation and violence	<p>Reduced youth offending</p> <p>Reduced incidents of serious youth violence</p> <p>Reduced incidents of criminal and sexual exploitation.</p>
Priority 2: Children and young people have good physical and emotional health	We will know we have been successful by:
4. Children and young people are active eat well and have a healthy weight.	Reduced number of children in both Reception and Year 6 who have excess weight.
5. Protect children from measles, mumps and rubella	Increased number of children who receive the 2 nd dose of the MMR vaccine by the age of 5.

6. Children's mental health and wellbeing is supported and improved through the right support at the right time.	Reduced waiting times for CAMHS services Increased take up for mental health intervention (online counselling, young people's health and wellbeing services etc).
Priority 3: Children and young people develop, achieve and are ready for adulthood	We will know we will have be successful by:
7. Children receive a high quality education.	All Lewisham schools are graded by Ofsted as 'good' or 'outstanding'
8. Young people achieve the qualifications at age 16 and 18, that they need to be successful in life.	Improvements in KS4 and KS5 results with an emphasis on underperforming groups (Lewisham Learning Targets)
9. More young people in secondary school receiving Special Educational Needs (SEN) support or have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHC Plan) make good progress	Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 outcomes for young people with SEN support and EHCPs
10. Young people progress to employment, training and higher education.	Reduced the number of young people not in employment, education or training (NEET) in targeted groups Increased progression to higher education
Priority 4: Children and Young People and their parents are listened to and respected	We will know that we will have been successful by:
11. We will expect our partnership to be able to evidence how we have involved all children and young people in decision making.	The Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Board (CYPSPB) will evidence the involvement of children and young people in decision making.
12. We will continue working with children and young people to co-produce and ensure their views inform commissioning services; for example working with our	The CYPSPB will include evidence for how the partnership works with children and young people in co-production and ensure their views inform commissioning services.

leaving Care Young Ambassadors to improve leaving care services	
13. Our service for children with Special Educational Needs and disabilities will review how children and young people and their parents are involved and listened to during 2019/20	The Special Educational Needs and Disability Strategy 2020-23 will set out how children with SEND and their parents will be involved and listened to.