



Children and Young People Select Committee

Early Help Update

Date: 21 September 2020

Key decision: No

Class: Part 1

Ward(s) affected: All

Contributors: Executive Director for Children and Young People

Outline and recommendations

The Executive Director for Children and Young People, Pinaki Ghoshal, will deliver a presentation updating the Committee on the Early Help Strategy.

The Committee is recommended to:

1. Receive the presentation
2. Review and comment on the information provided
3. Consider whether any future scrutiny might be required and what outcomes the committee would like to achieve as a result of further scrutiny.

Timeline of engagement and decision-making

Considered by CYP Select on:

12 June 2019

11 July 2019

17 September 2019

23 January 2020

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of the presentation is to provide CYP select committee with an update on the development of Lewisham's Early Help Strategy.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

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3. POLICY CONTEXT

- 2.1. The Council's 2018 to 2022 Corporate Strategy identifies seven corporate priorities and four core values which are the driving force behind what we do as an organisation. It sets out a vision for Lewisham and the priority outcomes that organisations, communities and individuals can work towards to make this vision a reality.
- 2.2. The Council's four core values are:
 - We put service to the public first.
 - We respect all people and all communities.
 - We invest in employees.
 - We are open, honest and fair in all we do.
- 2.3. These core values align with the Council's seven corporate priorities namely:
 1. Open Lewisham - Lewisham is a welcoming place of safety for all where we celebrate the diversity that strengthens us.
 2. Tackling the housing crisis - Everyone has a decent home that is secure and affordable.

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3. 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.
4. Building an inclusive local economy - Everyone can access high quality job opportunities, with decent pay and security in our thriving and inclusive local economy.
5. Delivering & defending: Health, Social Care and Support - Ensuring everyone receives the health, mental health, social care and support services they need.
6. Making Lewisham greener - Everyone enjoys our green spaces and benefits from a healthy environment as we work to protect and improve our local environment.
7. Building safer communities - Every resident feels safe and secure living here as we work together towards a borough free from the fear of crime.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications directly arising from the presentation. The development of our Early Help approach takes place in a challenging financial context. With reducing budgets across local authorities, and our key partners, the case for change is imperative.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications directly arising from the presentation. To the extent that the matters raised in the report result in any substantial service change and/or procurement or variation of contracts, decisions on those matters will need to be made in accordance with the Council's constitution and on the basis of full reports.

6. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

The Council has a public sector equality duty (the equality duty or the duty - The Equality Act 2010, or the Act). It covers the following protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation. In summary, the Council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to:

- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act.
- advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

7. CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications directly arising from the presentation.

8. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

There are no crime and disorder implications directly arising from the presentation.

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9. HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS

There are no health and wellbeing implications directly arising from the presentation.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 10.1. 23 January 2020 – Minutes, Item 7
<https://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=134&MId=5538&Ver=4>
- 10.2. 17 September 2019 – Minutes, Item 8
<https://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=134&MId=5530&Ver=4>
- 10.3. 11 July 2019 - Lewisham's Early Help Approach: Priorities and Timescales
<https://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/documents/s66497/05%20Early%20Help%20Report.pdf>
- 10.4. 12 June 2019 - Lewisham's Early Help Approach: Update and Priorities in 2019/20
<https://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/documents/s65832/06%20Lewishams%20Early%20Help%20Approach.pdf>

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