

15 March 2012		ITEM 7
Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee		
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN REVIEW AND REFRESH 2012-13		
Report of: Jo Olsson, Director, People Services		
Wards and communities affected: All	Key Decision: Non-key	
Accountable Head of Service: All service heads involved with the Plan.		
Accountable Director: Jo Olsson, Director, People Services		
This is a public report.		
Purpose of Report: To provide an update on the review of Year 2 outcomes and the refreshed content of Year 3 of the Children and Young People's Strategic Plan 2010-2013.		

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) 2010 has been reviewed and refreshed for its third year 2012-13. This report summarises the changes made to the plan, seeks the committee's comments and recommends 'sign off' in time for publication 1 April 2012. In future years, the CYPP will be a chapter in the Health and Wellbeing Plan for the borough.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1.1 That the Children's Overview and Scrutiny Committee considers the draft Children and Young People's Plan Review and Refresh 2012-13.**
- 1.2 That, subject to any comments or amendments it may wish to recommend, the committee receives this report and endorses the Review and Refresh prior to publication on the Thurrock website.**

2. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 2.1 The Children's Partnership's Children and Young People's Plan represents the Council and its partners' unwavering focus on transforming the life chances of our children and young people. It is the strategic plan for Children's Services built on four pillars: Excellent childcare, schools, colleges and services; Everyone succeeding; Protection when needed, and Lean and fit for the future.

- 2.2 The coming financial year, 2012-13, is the third year of this three-year plan. As in previous years, it is in two parts: a 'review' summarising and celebrating what went well and candidly considering 'even better if', and a 'refresh' comprising up-dated, high-level, action plans designed to deliver the improvements in outcomes for children, young people and their families in Thurrock.
- 2.3 The Children's Partnership Executive has delegated to the Director of People Services responsibility for monitoring the implementation of the more detailed work programmes of the CYPP delivery work streams, reporting progress to the Executive through termly highlight reports.
- 2.4 The pillars of the plan established in 2010 remain unchanged; there are some changes to the aims and objectives, partly reflecting changes in national policy, the increasing involvement of health partners and partly reflecting the progress made in years one and two.

3. ISSUES AND/OR OPTIONS:

- 3.1 Health priorities were poorly captured in the 2010 CYPP and also in last year's refresh. On-going changes within local health and public health organisational structures made progress difficult but recent changes and partnership enhancement have led to significantly greater health content in the 2012-13 refresh.
- 3.2 Identified from within the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, the key public health priorities include the delivery of the Health Child Programme, ante-natal and new born screening, breastfeeding, childhood immunisation, smoking cessation and reduction in teenage pregnancy. There are also six health commissioning priorities including the development of the Child and Mental Health Service and support pathways for children with complex needs, disability and continuing health care.
- 3.3 Local Authorities are no longer legally required to publish a CYPP nor to have a children's partnership. New arrangements under the Health and Social Care Bill enable us to refresh our approach locally. In 2013 we will publish our first Health and Wellbeing Plan which will include a children's chapter. This will replace the CYPP.
- 3.4 This report summary and the appended draft CYPP 'review' and 'refresh' is presented to Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny for its consideration.

4. CONSULTATION (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)

- 4.1 The draft CYPP has been shared within the Children's Partnership and more widely in the stakeholder event in February. When all consultation comments have been received, the report will be finalised and published on the Thurrock website in April along with an updated Equality Impact Assessment for 2012-13.

5. IMPACT ON CORPORATE POLICIES, PRIORITIES, PERFORMANCE AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

- 5.1 The CYPP has been written around and includes the Council's corporate policies, priorities, performance and community impact. The Outcomes Framework, part three of the CYPP, indicates the relationship with other strategic plans.

6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial

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There are no direct financial implications in the report.

6.2 Legal

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There are no legal implications arising from this report.

6.3 Diversity and Equality

Making diversity and equality intrinsic to everything we do in Thurrock needs to be further developed. Scrutiny will want to satisfy itself that the refreshed plan fully captures the complexity of our communities in Thurrock and is compliant with our legal duties. The thorough Equality Impact Assessment completed last year will be reviewed.

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6.4 Other implications (where significant) – i.e. Section 17, Risk Assessment, Health Impact Assessment, Sustainability, IT, Environmental

None

7. CONCLUSION

- 7.1 The CYPP 2012-13 is the Children's Partnership high level strategic plan and will direct children's services in Thurrock throughout the coming year.

BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARING THIS REPORT:

- Children's and Young People's Plan 2011-12 Review and Refresh
- Children's and Young People's Plan 2010 Outcomes Framework

APPENDICES TO THIS REPORT:

- Appendix A - Children's and Young People's Plan – Refresh Draft Aims & Objectives 2012-13
- Appendix B – Children and Young People's Plan – 2012-2013, Review 2011/12

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