

Children and Young People's Plan Annual Review 2007 and Annual Performance Assessment

Children and Young People

CABINET

7TH JUNE 2007

Wards Affected

County-wide

Purpose

Cabinet are requested to consider and approve the Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) Annual Review 2007 (Appendix 1) and the Annual Performance Assessment (APA) Self-Assessment submission (Appendix 2).

Key Decision

This is a Key Decision because it is likely to be significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in Herefordshire in an area comprising one or more wards.

It was not included in the Forward Plan and will be treated as an urgent item.

Recommendation

That, subject to any amendments the Director of Children's Services may wish to make in the light of any further performance data received, the following documents be approved by Cabinet as the Council's Annual Performance Assessment submission to Ofsted.

- (a) **Children and Young People's Plan Review 2007; and**
- (b) **Annual Performance Assessment Self Assessment document**

Reasons

The Annual Review of the CYPP is a statutory requirement. The revised APA and inspection arrangements from 2007 require submission of the CYPP Review document which includes the Delivery (Action) Plan for 2007/08 and the Council's self-evaluation of its contribution to maintaining and improving the five Every Child Matters outcomes for children and young people. The self-evaluation is informed by the review of progress against the CYPP and an analysis of performance data. The Joint Area Review Performance Improvement Action Plan and the GOWM Herefordshire Improvement Board Action Plan are also required to be submitted. They are not attached to this report as they have previously been considered by Cabinet.

Further information on the subject of this report is available from
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Considerations

1. The review of progress in delivering the Plan was undertaken through the Children and Young People's Partnership. The review included consultation with the Shadow Children and Young People's Partnership Board.
2. An Executive Summary of progress can be found at the front of the CYPP Review document. Whilst overall, good progress has been made against the priorities set out in the Children and Young People's Plan there is no room for complacency. Progress in 2006/07 has included:
 - Additional family support for children with learning difficulties and disabilities.
 - Increase in the number of schools achieving the Healthy Schools Standard.
 - Establishing Common Assessment Framework (CAF) pilots in South-Wye and children with disabilities.
 - Improvement in percentage of pupils achieving 5+ A-G grades at GCSE.
 - Increasing percentage of 3 year olds who have access to good quality free early years education place.
 - Increased participation of all children and young people in school and youth council's and the establishment of the Shadow Children and Young People's Partnership Board.
 - Reduced number of 16-18 year olds not in employment, education and training.
 - Improved housing provision for both single young people and families including Looked After Children.
3. Over the next 12 months there are some significant challenges which include:
 - Full implementation of a multi-agency Common Assessment Framework.
 - Finalisation and implementation of a Support for Families Strategy.
 - Improving access to Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services.
 - Finalisation and implementation of a Multi-agency Workforce Development Strategy.
 - Continuation of the Schools Review to address the issues arising from falling roles.

All of the above will take place in the context of the emerging Public Services Trust and the need to have Children's Trust Arrangements in place by 2008

Risk Management

The review of progress against the Children and Young People's Plan and analysis of performance data has informed the Delivery Plan for 2007/08. This minimises the risk of inadequate service provision. The detailed analysis of data coupled with examples of local service delivery and service user feedback have been used to inform the Council's self-evaluation of its contribution to improving outcomes for children and young people. This is informing the allocation of resources to address areas for improvement.

The actions above mitigate the risk of inadequate service provision and damage to the Council's reputation which would arise from a poor inspection rating. The outcome of the APA will also influence the decision of DfES/GOWM regarding its continuing formal engagement following the JAR.

Alternative Options

There are no Alternative Options.

Consultees

Children and Young People's Partnership Board.

Shadow Children and Young People's Partnership Board.

Appendices

Appendix 1

Herefordshire Children and Young People's Plan Review of the first year 2006/07 – Executive Summary.

Herefordshire Children and Young People's Plan Review of the first year 2006/07

Appendix 2

Annual Performance Assessment Self Evaluation

Background Papers

None identified.