

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S DIRECTORATE PLAN 2007-2010

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Wards Affected

County-wide

Purpose

1. To inform the Committee of the Directorate Plan for 2007-10 and on the arrangements regarding subsequent review and update of the three year Children and Young People's Directorate Plan.

Financial Implications

2. The Directorate and Service plans identify priorities, which are then reflected in the medium term financial planning when decisions on budgets are made.

Background

3. The Directorate Plan is a corporate requirement and is supported by three service plans covering Commissioning and Improvement, Integrated Services and Inclusion, and Safeguarding and Assessment. The documents span a three-year period covering 2007-2010. The Directorate plan is essentially an extract of the Children and Young People's Plan developed by the Children and Young People's Partnership Board, and is attached as Appendix 1. This is a strategic overarching plan, which aligns with the Herefordshire Community Strategy and the Council's Corporate Plan. Copies of the Service Plans are available if required.
4. The Directorate Plan identifies those areas of work or service development which are the priority over the next 3 years. These are set out on pages 13 – 17 of the plan.
5. The Director of Children's Services will use the Directorate Plan and the three Service Plans together to manage service delivery and to monitor the overall performance of the Directorate. This is being done through monthly reports to Management Team, bi-monthly reports as part of the corporate process, and quarterly reports in a Performance Digest.
6. Following the review of the Children and Young People's Partnership Delivery Action Plan 06/07, the confirmation of 06/07 performance data, and the Annual Performance Assessment (APA) the Directorate Plan is being updated i.e. it is a 'live' document.
7. The monitoring arrangements will be supplemented by performance reports to the Children and Young People's Partnership Board, Cabinet member briefings and quarterly reviews with the Chief Executive. Performance reports will also support the annual review of the Children and Young People's Plan including the Delivery Plan, the Annual Performance Assessment (APA) process and the annual Priorities meeting with GOWM.

Further information on the subject of this report is available from Jo Dixon, Interim Improvement and Performance Manager Tel. (01432) 383681

8. The quarterly performance digest will be reported to this Committee on a regular basis, the first being at this meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Committee notes:

- (a) the priorities identified in the plan to improve outcomes for children and young people in Herefordshire.**
- (b) the process for review and reporting of performance against the plan.**

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- Children and Young People's Directorate Plan 15.03.07
- Children and Young People's Directorate Service Plans