

CHILDREN AND LIFELONG LEARNING SCRUTINY PANEL	Agenda Item No. 5
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THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF PETERBOROUGH’S CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE PLAN

1. PURPOSE

To provide scrutiny panel with the opportunity to review and comment upon the emerging priorities for the 2009-2012 Children and Young People Plan.

2. LINKS TO CORPORATE PLAN, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT

2.1 The Children and Young People Plan is a statutory plan sitting within the local planning framework, making explicit reference to Peterborough’s Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement (LAA), sharing targets and making direct reference to activity being undertaken to deliver the LAA.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The Children and Young People Plan (CYPP) is a statutory plan which was required by the Children Act 2004. There is a statutory requirement to review the plan annually.

3.2 The Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF)’s statutory guidance on inter-agency co-operation highlights the role of the CYPP: *“The Children and Young People’s Plan continues to be the key document which covers, in one place, all services for families, children and young people within a single strategic and overarching vision of the local area”*.

3.3 Peterborough’s first statutory CYPP was published in April 2006 by Peterborough City Council Children’s Services department and its partners in the Children and Young People’s Strategic Partnership. The three-year rolling plan has undergone two subsequent reviews and has been approved by the Children’s Trust, Full Council and PCT Board in April of each year.

3.3 The CYPP contains several elements which are published at different times of the year. The overview document is the public facing element of the CYPP that outlines the vision and key priorities for children and young people in Peterborough. This is to be submitted for approval by Full Council in April 2009. An Annual Report, setting out progress against the 2008 CYPP, and a full Needs Assessment are due to be published in July 2009, to allow for the inclusion of end-of-year performance outturns.

3.4 In December 2008, Scrutiny were presented with an overview of the review process. A further presentation was requested to discuss the emerging priorities within the CYPP.

4. KEY ISSUES

The 2008 Children and Young People Plan outlined the following vision:

“Our vision is simple: to create an environment where children and young people are safe and healthy, can enjoy what life has to offer and have ambition and aspirations, where they achieve their goals and make a positive contribution for themselves, their family and their community”.

4.2 The 2008 CYPP outlined ten broad priorities, each of which had a number of key areas of focus:

CYPP Priority	Key Areas of Focus
1. Children and young people are supported to make healthy choices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teenage Conceptions and Sexual Health • Obesity • Alcohol • Drugs
2. Children and young people have the best possible emotional health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive Child and Adolescent Mental Health (CAMHS) provision
3. Vulnerable children and young people are supported to achieve the best possible outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Arrivals • Children with Disabilities • Young Carers • Children and Young People from Gypsy and Traveller Communities • Children in Care
4. Children and young people have a safe environment to grow up in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children affected by Domestic Violence • Cohesion • Bullying • Victims of Crime
5. Children and young people are safeguarded from harm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young Runaways • Child Protection • Safeguarding
6. Children and young people have enjoyable learning opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Years Foundation Stage • Attainment at Key Stages 1, 2 and 3 • Improve Levels of Literacy • Boys' Attainment • Children Outside of Mainstream Schooling • Attainment of Vulnerable Groups
7. Children and young people achieve their potential and succeed economically	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growth Agenda • Attainment at Key Stage 4 • Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training • Skills for Life
8. Children and young people are engaged and supported within their communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transitions • Engagement • Family Support • Personal Development Opportunities
9. Children and young people resist engaging in crime and anti-social behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First time offenders • Re-offending
10. All young people have access to appropriate housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing for vulnerable young people

The priorities were developed through considering a range of inputs:

- Analysing data, research and information which highlight areas of need
- Consultation with children, young people, parents and carers, practitioners, Members and partner organisations
- Reviewing recommendations of formal inspections (e.g. Annual Performance Assessment)
- Responding to key local priorities (e.g. LAA, Sustainable Community Strategy)
- Responding to key government priorities

It is not proposed that the ten broad priorities change in the 2009 Children and Young People Plan. However, it is proposed that the key areas of focus are reviewed and updated to meet current needs. It is also proposed that there is an additional priority related to the key strategic enablers that need to be put in place to deliver improved outcomes in Children's Services.

New CYPP (Strategic) Priority	Key Area of Focus
1. Deliver an effective infrastructure to ensure services can continue to improve outcomes for children and young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint Commissioning • Workforce Development • Integration of Services • Integrated Processes • Equality and Diversity • Governance • Value for Money

4.4 Further information about emerging priorities and potential changes to the key areas of focus will be provided at the Scrutiny Panel meeting, along with an overview of the needs assessment work that is supporting this process.

5. IMPLICATIONS

The CYPP is a statutory plan and as such there is a legal requirement to review the plan annually.

6. CONSULTATION

A range of consultation activities will be undertaken with key stakeholders including children and young people, parents and carers, practitioners and partners.

7. EXPECTED OUTCOMES

7.1 Scrutiny are asked to consider the vision and priorities from 2008 and subsequent information presented at the panel meeting, and give their views upon the emerging priorities and areas where services should focus in 2009.

8. NEXT STEPS

8.1 The CYPP will be presented to Cabinet on 30 March 2009 with a view to being presented to Full Council on 8 April 2009.

9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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9.1 Peterborough's Children and Young People Plan 2008-2011

10. APPENDICES

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