

Annual Review of York's Children and Young People's Plan 2009-12

Summary

1. This report provides a brief overview of the first annual review of the Children and Young People's Plan 2009-12 and invites the Executive Member to note and comment on the outcome of this review.

Background

2. Since York became a pathfinder Children's Trust in 2003, the YorOK Children's Trust partnership has produced three Children and Young People's Plans (CYPPs). The current, third CYPP covers the period April 2009 to April 12 and sets out the vision, aspirations and priorities for children and young people in the City aged 0-19+.
3. Whilst the YorOK Children's Trust Board routinely monitors performance element of the CYPP, and the various sub-groups of the Board monitor other aspects concerned with the delivery of the plan, new 'Children's Trust Board (Children and Young People's Plan) (England) 2010' regulations were issued in April 2010 by the then DCSF under the remit of the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009.
4. The new regulations:
 - Place the Children's Trust Board on a statutory footing from April 2010;
 - Pass responsibility for developing, publishing and reviewing the CYPP from the local authority alone to the Children's Trust Board;
 - Require the first new style CYPP to be published by April 2011 (the new guidance recognized that most authorities are on a cycle that saw their first Plan produced in 2007);
 - Require a formal annual review of the Plan.
5. An early review of the recently produced YorOK CYPP 2009-12 confirmed that this plan met both the spirit and content of the new regulations. The Trust Board therefore approved a proposal to review the existing and not to produce a brand new plan. The Trust Board also agreed that the annual review of the

Plan would be led, coordinated and completed by the YorOK Integrated Commissioning Group (a sub-group of the Children's Trust Board) by April 2010, and would reflect on outcomes achieved, progress made against stated actions, updates on new challenges and young peoples views.

6. The review was structured around the five Every Child Matters outcomes (Being Healthy, Staying Safe, Enjoying and Achieving, Making a Positive Contribution, Achieving Economic Well-being) and service management, and focused on the following four aspects, supported with strong performance and management information, a detailed review of progress against actions, formal input from key partnership representatives and forums and consultation activity with children and young people:
 - Progress made at the end of year 1 of the CYPP;
 - Ongoing / emerging challenges at the end of year 1;
 - New / emerging priorities, gaps in the CYPP;
 - Any changes we should consider making as we move into the 2nd Year of the Plan.

Consultation

7. As is the practice in York, the review of the CYPP was undertaken on the basis of consultation with a wide range of stakeholders, including children and young people. The consultation activity undertaken in reviewing the Plan has included the following:
 - Drawing together key messages from around 2,100 children, young people, parents and carers involved from several key groups and forums, including school council conference, Looked after children group (Show me that I matter), York Youth Council, Parents of children with disabilities and additional needs, Through the YorOK website, Tell Us 4 (a voluntary survey of children and young people in year 6, year 8 and year 10 which asks about their experiences and views of their life, their school and their local area.);
 - Interactive session with members of the YorOK Board;
 - Invitations to take part sent directly to those practitioners and managers signed up the YorOK Newsletter;
 - Promoting opportunities to consult through a range of agency and partnership forums.

The Reviewed CYPP

8. The review confirmed that the vision, principles, aspirations and commitments of the original plan should remain. The review process did highlight areas that continue to present a challenge along with aspects of our work that new and emerging priorities. These are outlined in detail in the CYPP Review document (attached at annex 1) and include:

9. Highlights

- 20% reduction in teenage pregnancy rates;
- New buildings with Children's Centres now cover every area of the City, new schools at Manor, York High and Joseph Rowntree and two new primary schools well advanced ;
- Reductions in child poverty levels;
- Reductions in obesity at age 6;
- Improved integrated working;
- York students achieving excellent results, especially pupils achieving 5A*-C;
- Primary school absence rates amongst the lowest in the country and exclusions of children from school at an all-time low;
- New Youth Council set up;
- The number of young people getting a criminal record for the first time has continued to fall with reductions also in reoffending and young people being sent to custody;
- Good performance in difficult economic times in ensuring that as many 16-17 year olds are able to take up jobs, educational courses or training – best performance in the North of England.

10. Challenges

- Reducing obesity levels in children at Year 6;
- Tackling the misuse of alcohol by young people;
- Develop our understanding the issues about child neglect in the City;
- Ensure our safeguarding arrangements address the prevention of violent extremism;
- Reduce the numbers of children over time who are looked after by the council;
- Develop and implement our plans to make all primary and secondary schools 'World Class';
- Deliver over 4000 volunteering opportunities for 14-16 year olds as part of the York Youth Community Action Pilot;
- Further develop our child poverty strategy.

11. The final draft of the annual review was tabled at the March meeting of the Children's Trust Board where the CYPP Review was formally approved. Copies of this eight page document were distributed at the recent 'No Wrong Door' prevention conference, attended by over 200 delegates. The original Plan and review document, along with the YorOK performance scorecard, consultation messages and action monitoring are available on the YorOK

website. The monitoring of the reviewed and updated CYPP will continue as at 3 above.

Options

12. This item does not offer options.

Analysis

13. Analysis is covered in the body of the review itself.

Corporate Objectives

14. The YorOK Children's Trust Board works within the planning frameworks of the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP), Council and other partner organisations, and in so doing helps to shape, develop and agree the Children and Young People's priorities. The CYPP articulates local priorities for children and young people within this context, incorporating corporate and other objectives.

Implications

Financial

15. There are no Financial implications although ability to maintain progress could be affected by public sector funding projections.

Human Resources

16. There are no HR implications.

Equalities

17. This Plan has been subject to an Equality Impact Assessment.

Legal

18. There are no legal implications.

Crime and Disorder

19. There are no Crime and Disorder implications.

Information Technology (IT)

20. There are no IT implications.

Property

21. There are no property implications.

Risk Management

22. There are no known risks in relation to this item.

Recommendations

23. The Executive Member is asked to note the process, content and outcome of the first annual review of the Children and Young People's Plan 2009-12 and comment as appropriate.

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Wards Affected: *List wards or tick box to indicate all*

All

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Background Papers:

None

Annexes

- Annex 1: Review of the Children & Young People's Plan: 2010 Review