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Wards: All	
Cabinet Member consulted:	Cllr Vince

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 The purpose of this report is:

- a. To outline the progress of work, the contents and timescale for the production of Enfield's Children and Young People's Plan 2009 – 2012 (CYPP);
- b. To consider and agree the Draft Plan

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Members of Council are asked to:

- a. Consider and agree the Children & Young People's Plan 2009 - 2012
- b. Delegate the final approval of the Children & Young People's Plan 2009 – 2012 to the Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Enfield's first CYPP was produced in 2006, and is due to end in March 2009. Enfield Children's Trust is developing a new plan for the period 2009 to 2012. This plan should be published no later than six weeks after the end of the previous plan, in Enfield's case, by 13 May 2009.

3.2. The CYPP covers services for children and young people aged 0 to 19, young people aged 20 and over leaving care, and young people up to the age of 25 with disabilities. It is the single, strategic and overarching

plan for all services affecting children and young people in the local area. All council and partners' work to improve outcomes for children and young people, including operational objectives, should be aligned with, and flow from, the CYPP. It sets out the priorities to improve outcomes for children, young people and families for each of the Every Child Matters outcomes:

- Being healthy – physical and mental and emotional wellbeing
 - Staying safe – protection from harm and neglect
 - Enjoy and achieve – education, training and recreation
 - Make a positive contribution – the contribution made by them to society
 - Achieve economic wellbeing – social and economic wellbeing.
- 3.3 Under the Children Act 2004, all English Children's Services Authorities (excluding four-star authorities, such as Enfield) are required to publish a CYPP. This is done in consultation with children and young people, parents, carers and partners. The duty to prepare a CYPP falls within the remit of the Director of Children's Services working with the Lead Member for Children's Services. To date, all authorities (including four-star authorities) have produced a plan to underpin strategic planning for their children's services, as it is seen as best practice in helping to deliver excellent outcomes for children and young people. As a four-star authority, there are clear benefits in publishing a plan for Enfield, albeit that we now have the freedom not to do so.
- 3.4 The CYPP should be taken forward through clear and committed leadership and strong partnership working. The Children's Trust Board has a central role in implementing, monitoring and refreshing the CYPP and ensuring that children and young people's issues are fully integrated into the concerns of the wider community through the Local Strategic Partnership. The CYPP will feed into, and help deliver, the overarching Sustainable Community Strategy. The Enfield Strategic Partnership Board considered the draft CYPP at its meeting on 11 March 2009.
- 3.5 Under proposed legislative changes all partners will have a statutory duty to have regard to and deliver the CYPP. Children's Trust partners' plans should be drawn up explicitly with the CYPP in mind. The Children's Trust Board will need to ensure that the CYPP is strategically aligned with partners' planning cycles and that robust commissioning arrangements are in place.
- 3.6 The new Comprehensive Area Assessment will assess outcomes the Council is delivering in partnership with other public, voluntary, community or business organisations. It will seek to answer the question: How good is the well-being of children and young people? The CYPP will provide evidence of how partners contribute to the delivery of outcomes for children and young people in Enfield.

Publication of CYPP

- 3.7 Cabinet is considering the CYPP at their meeting on 25 March 2009. Any comments made by Cabinet will be conveyed to Council
- 3.8 A number of minor changes to the draft submitted to members have been proposed. These have been listed in Appendix 3 of this report.
- 3.9 Enfield's CYPP will be published by the required deadline in the following formats:
- i. A comprehensive Children & Young People's Plan:
 - a. Draft Plan attached at Appendix 1 of this report,
 - b. List of contents required by government regulations attached in Appendix 2 of this report;
 - ii. A summarised version of the CYPP;
 - iii. A parent and carers summary leaflet covering each of the CAP areas. This will include a map of key services, and a response to our consultation exercise (in the form of "You told us ..., we are doing ...");
 - iv. A summary of the key points of the plan in language that is appropriate for children and young people. This will be published in a magazine format, similar to the recently published "Youth Matters" and "Enfield Children Matter" magazines;
 - v. Branded data sticks containing electronic copies of the plan and other documents;
 - vi. Posters and leaflets promoting interest in the CYPP and its messages.
- 3.10 All versions of the plans will be available for download from Council websites.
- 3.11 Arrangements have been put into place to ensure that the new CYPP is being developed in close consultation with children and young people, and with relevant partners, groups and organisations. These arrangements are outlined in Appendix 2.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 Four star local authorities such as Enfield need not publish a CYPP. Paragraph 3.3 above sets out the reasons for publishing a plan despite this freedom.
- 4.2 Local authorities have the flexibility to review and roll forward their existing plans, rather than creating entirely new plans. However, government guidance states that it would not be good practice to regularly extend the end date of CYPPs.

- 4.3 Consideration has been given to extending Enfield's current three-year CYPP, which expires on 31 March 2009. However, with major changes having taken place in the children's agenda over the life of the previous plan, it is considered more appropriate to prepare a completely new plan to help Enfield face the challenges of future years.

5. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 The CYPP is the defining statement of strategic planning and priorities for children, young people and families in Enfield, and is a statutory local authority plan.

6. COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND CORPORATE RESOURCES AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS

- 6.1 **Financial Implications** – The Children's and Young People's Plan will be funded from within existing financial resources for 2009/10. Funding provision is included within the Medium Term Financial Plan for future years, but this will be subject to annual reviews of the budget, in the same way as all council services.

- 6.2 **Risk Management Implications** – No significant risks have been identified in production of the Children & Young People's Plan.

- 6.3 **Legal Implications** – The Council has a duty under the Children Act 2004 to co-operate with the local children's trust arrangements and to have regard to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and vulnerable young people. Part 2 Children's Act 2004 places on the Council a duty to prepare and publish a Children and Young People's plan which must set out its strategy for children and relevant young people in the Borough.

- 6.3 **Property Implications** – There are no property implications.

7. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The new plan has been developed through a review of feedback and of performance achieved through the activities carried out against the existing CYPP (2006 – 2009). The new plan draws on existing good practice and seeks to respond to current and future needs for children and young people in the borough. It will be used as a tool with partners to continue to improve on the quality of life and young people by addressing the five Every Child Matters priorities.

8. COMMUNITY IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 Positive impacts:

- i) Enfield's CYPP seeks to ensure that children and young people's individual needs are met through the provision of a wide range of universal, targeted and specialist services.
- ii) The Plan seeks to ensure that high quality and effective services provide all Enfield's children and young people with positive and enduring life chances.
- iii) The Plan seeks to improve joint working between partners to achieve the best outcomes for all Enfield's children and young people.

8.2 Negative impacts: none

9. PUTTING ENFIELD FIRST

9.1 The CYPP has links with all aims of Putting Enfield First 2009, with a particular relevance to the following:

- i. Aim 2 – Ensure every child matters and provide high quality education for all
- ii. Aim 3 – A safer Enfield
- iii. Aim 5 – Provide high quality and efficient services
- iv. Aim 6 – Build prosperous, sustainable communities

10. LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Draft Children & Young People's Plan 2009-2012

Appendix 2 – Content and consultation arrangements of the Children and Young People's Plan

Appendix 3 – Addendum to Children and Young People's Plan

APPENDIX 2 – Content and consultation arrangements of the Children and Young People’s Plan

The content of the Children and Young People’s Plan

A2.1 Government regulations set out the content of the CYPP. The Plan must include the following:

- i. An overarching vision and strategic priorities for children and young people, demonstrating how local services will help to reduce inequality;
- ii. Priorities set out against key actions and timescales showing what needs to be done to achieve them and the milestones and targets against which they can be measured;
- iii. A statement on how the local authority intends to achieve improvements in the integration of services, early intervention and prevention, and safeguarding;
- iv. A needs assessment against outcomes for children and young people. This is a strategic activity and the first step to ensuring that the required range and capacity of services is available and accessible to children and young people – an essential component of the strategic commissioning process;
- v. A statement of how the local authority’s resources will contribute to the improvement in outcomes. A central focus for the CYPP should be on how partners are accountable for resources with regards to services for children and young people;
- vi. The arrangements for co-operation with local partners. This should set out how the plan will be managed and led and what the arrangements are for delivering the plan through the Children’s Trust;
- vii. An outline of performance management and review arrangements. The CYPP should include all LAA targets relevant to children and young people, as well as statutory DCSF education and early years targets. The CYPP should also include local targets for improving outcomes for CYP that do not appear in the LAA.

Consultation arrangements for the CYPP

A2.2 Arrangements have been put into place to ensure that the new CYPP is being developed in close consultation with children and young people, and with relevant partners, groups and organisations. To date, work has been undertaken as follows:

- i. An inter-agency CYPP working group has been established to oversee the development of the new plan (September 2008)
- ii. Analysis of data from the TellUs3 survey of children and young people in Enfield (September 2008)

- iii. On-going detailed needs analysis at borough and CAP levels
- iv. Analysis of a range of consultation exercises with children and young people undertaken by the council and its partners over the past two years, seeking to identify gaps in consultation (September 2008)
- v. An ECEN themed forum with 25 members from a range of voluntary and community organisations. This shared ideas on how best to ensure voluntary sector representation in the development of the plan (September 2008)
- vi. Vision and priorities consultation sessions with each of the four CAP Boards (September 2008)
- vii. A workshop session with members of the BME Forum. Around 30 member organisations shared their views on issues relating to the needs of BME communities (October 2008)
- viii. Two questionnaires (aimed at children & young people and at parents & carers) have been designed to capture views on a range of issues across the five ECM outcomes, seeking views on what is important for children and young people. The young people's questionnaire was live on the Enfield Youth Observatory (October 2008)
- ix. A workshop with managers in the council's Education, Children's Services & Leisure Department. This sought views on CYPP priorities (October 2008)
- x. School Councils have been asked to hold themed discussions around the topics of healthy eating; information, advice and guidance; and volunteering opportunities (Autumn 2008)
- xi. "Have Your Say", a meeting with over 40 young people to discuss service priorities (January 2009)

APPENDIX 3 – Addendum to Children and Young People’s Plan

Page 7 – added 6th key theme - Participation and Involvement of service Users

Page 9 – relocation of paragraphs previously located on pages 13/14 to explain the new key theme listed above

Page 13 – new sentence added regarding our commitment to participatory working

Page 42 – re-instated section on the voluntary sectors contribution omitted in error from previous version.

Page 45 - Insert Paragraph 3: "the police, schools and the local authority are also working on programmes and activities aimed at Preventing Violent Extremism amongst young people in the borough"

Page 46 - Insert Paragraph 3: "as well as supporting the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment process".

Page 62 - Resources

The published plan will contain updated resources information that is currently being validated.