

To: City Executive Board

Date: 2nd December 2009

Item No:

Report of: The Head of City Development

Title of Report: Draft Oxfordshire Children and Young People's Plan
2010-2013: Draft City Council Response

Summary and Recommendations

Purpose of report: A draft Oxford City Council response has been produced (as appended). The Board are invited to consider whether they wish to make any additional comments.

Key decision: No

Report Approved by:

Portfolio Holder: Councillor, Antonia Bance, Executive Board Member for Social Inclusion and Young People

Finance: Penny Gardner

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Policy Framework: The Oxfordshire Children and Young People's Plan supports the following strategic objectives:

- Having 'healthy and thriving communities', and 'reducing inequalities and breaking the cycle of deprivation', (Oxfordshire 2030 Community Strategy).
- 'To improve the health and social inclusion in Oxford City, by providing opportunities and improving services for the most disadvantaged', (Oxford's Sustainable Community Strategy).
- To have 'stronger and more inclusive communities' and to 'reduce crime and antisocial behaviour', (Oxford City Council Corporate Plan).

Recommendation(s):

1. To consider any additional comments to be included in the Draft City Council response (appended) to the Draft Children and Young People's Plan 2010-2013.
2. To receive a further report on 13th January to consider the revised Draft of the Children and Young People's Plan 2010-2013.

Background

1. The Draft Oxfordshire Children and Young People's Plan 2010-2013 has been developed by the Oxfordshire Children and Young People's Trust. The Plan sets out the ambitions that the Oxfordshire Children and Young People's Trust have for children and young people, and the steps that will be taken to turn these ambitions into reality.
2. The Draft Plan makes all public services involved in children and young people's services accountable for achieving these priorities. This includes Oxford City Council.
3. The Draft Plan is based upon new Statutory Guidance, published earlier this year, by the Department for Children Schools and Families and it is a Statutory Plan.
4. The Draft Plan is appended. It can also be accessed on the Oxfordshire County Council Web site via the following link: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cyppconsultation. The Delivery Plan provides more detailed information on the actions that will be undertaken and is also available on this site.
5. All of the Children and Young People Trust partner organisations must take the Plan through their own governance arrangements. A further report will be presented to the City Executive Board on 13th January 2010, seeking comments and endorsement of the Plan. The Children's Trust will need to formally agree the Plan on 15th January 2010.

Priority Areas

6. There are three strategic priority areas within the Oxfordshire Children and Young People's Plan. These are:
 - Keeping all children and young people safe
 - Raising achievement for all children and young people
 - Narrowing the gap from our most disadvantaged and vulnerable groups

Developing the City Council response

7. All Members and key Officers within Oxford City Council have received a link to the consultation web page, with a request for comment.
8. Information was provided to all Area Committees with a request for comment. A summary of the comments received is appended.
9. In order to provide a robust and expert response the City Council has employed a consultant to support the development of our response to the consultation. The Draft Response, sent on behalf of Oxford City Council is attached. The City Executive Board is invited to make additional comments.

10. Once the final Plan has been agreed the City Council will develop a City Council Children and Young People's Plan, which sets out the priorities for the children and young people's services in the City, and how it will contribute to delivering the Oxfordshire Children and Young People's Plan.

Risks and Equalities Impact

11. The Plan is important for Oxford City. Performance on a number of Key indicators for children's health and well being and attainment are worst in the City than elsewhere in Oxfordshire and in equivalent areas. It is essential to ensure that the needs, of children and young people in the City, are adequately addressed by the Plan and that the Plan is adequately informed.

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List of background papers:

Draft Oxfordshire Children and Young People's Plan and Delivery Plan