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Subject: Developing a new Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) 2011-2014

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Summary: This paper sets out progress on the development of the next Kent CYPP 2011-2014

FOR INFORMATION AND COMMENT

1. Introduction

The Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) sets out the strategic priorities of Kent Children's Trust (KCT) partners to improve outcomes for Kent children, young people and families. A new plan is being developed to cover the period from April 2011-2014 building on the progress of the current plan: 'Positive about our future 2008 -2011'. This paper is being discussed at the Communities Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting of 16th September and the meeting of CFE Policy Overview Committees on 17th September.

2. Political Context

The Government recognises that strong local partnerships are crucial to meeting the needs of all children, and is freeing them to address local issues with innovative solutions.

The Secretary of State has indicated that it is intended to remove much of the bureaucracy surrounding Children's Trusts including the duty to

prepare and publish a new CYPP by April 2011, unless the local area wishes to do so.

From discussions, there is huge enthusiasm in Kent for moving forward together to gain the benefits of shared planning, commissioning and delivery around local schools, children's centres and communities.

In the context of political and economic uncertainties, it is vital that we have a clear sense of direction and understanding of the challenges we face together across our communities and services. The Kent CYPP 2011-2014 will provide that strong direction, and will ensure that, despite external factors, we continue to improve outcomes for Kent's children, young people and their families.

3. Key stages in developing a new CYPP

3.1 Needs assessment

Key to the development of the new CYPP is a comprehensive and detailed needs assessment drawing on an extensive analysis of multi agency data and intelligence including the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) of children's health; the poverty needs assessment and most importantly the views of children, young people and their families.

3.2 Emerging Areas of Need

Seven areas of greatest need (below) have been identified from the needs assessment. Evidence suggests there is significant unmet need for Kent children and young people in regard to:-

- Emotional and Mental Health
- Healthy start in life
- Safeguarding
- Primary aged children's learning
- Adolescent engagement
- Housing /accommodation
- Family Poverty

In order to achieve greater understand of the emerging areas of need and to support prioritisation, the driving factors that have the greatest effect on the agreed areas of need were also investigated.

3.3 CYPP Drafting Process

Using the findings from the needs assessment, work has now commenced on the drafting of the new CYPP for 2011.

During 2010, the Kent Community Strategy will also be reviewed and the new CYPP will both inform and be informed by work running concurrently across these areas of work.

4. Developing a 'total place' approach at local level

The CYPP will provide a framework for local integrated delivery across the 12 Local Children's Trust District areas. The new CYPP will set out the county-wide strategy and priorities, followed by 12 District sections setting out the key needs of children and young people and families in that area, and the key targets to improve outcomes. This is consistent with the approach being proposed by the Kent Partnership for the new Sustainable Communities Plan and supports a total place approach at the local level.

5. Consultation and Engagement

A CYPP engagement framework, draft programme and planned activities for involvement and participation in the development of the Children and Young People's Plan have been agreed. Formal consultation will run for 8 weeks commencing September 2010 during which time the new chairs of the Local Children's Trusts will be developing and consulting on their local District plans.

In addition to the formal consultation period there will be continuing engagement and involvement with children, young people and families throughout the whole process.

Copies of the consultation draft plan will be circulated to members for comments in due course.

6. CYPP Development and Approval Processes

Once approved by the KCT, the CYPP will be taken through the formal approval routes of each agency. All partners will need to ensure through their governance and budget processes that the resources to deliver the CYPP priorities are included within their budgetary cycles.

A final draft will be submitted to POSCs in November 2010 and Cabinet in January 2011.

7. Recommendations:

Members of the Communities Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to:

Note the current position on the development of the new CYPP 2011-2014

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Background Documents:

CYPP 2008-2011
<https://shareweb.kent.gov.uk/Documents/education-and-learning/plans-and-consultations/strategic-plans/cfe-cypp-09.pdf>

Other Useful Information

CYPP 2011-2014 – Development page
http://www.kenttrustweb.org.uk/children/kct_cypp_2011_14.cfm