

Meeting:	Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub-Committee
Date:	27 th June 2006
Subject:	The Children and Young People's Plan
Responsible Officer:	Paul Clark, Director of Children's Services
Contact Officer:	Betty Lynch
Portfolio Holder:	Cllr. Janet Mote – People First
Key Decision:	No
Status:	Part 1

Section 1: Summary

Decision Required

For information, to note and comment.

Reason for report

Update on the Harrow Children and Young People's Plan

Benefits

Policy and practice informed by scrutiny process

Cost of Proposals

n/a

Risks

n/a

Implications if recommendations rejected

n/a

Section 2: Report

2.1 Brief History

The Children and Young People's plan has been written by the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership and is a requirement of the Children Act 2004.

It reflects the plans of statutory and voluntary agencies to plan and work together to promote the welfare of children and young people in the Borough.

It describes a shared vision, drawn from a needs assessment that includes analysis of the local demography (drawn from the Vitality Profiles), the views of children and young people and the recommendations of inspection reports and annual assessments, as well as the views of statutory and voluntary agencies.

A summary of priorities is provided. Those priorities are:

- Safeguarding children;
- Children Looked After;
- Children with special needs;
- Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children, and
- Children who are carers.

Priorities are depicted in table form using the following headings:

- Be healthy;
- Staying safe;
- Enjoying and achieving;
- Making a positive contribution, and
- Achieving economic well-being.

Single agency plans are used to inform the Children and Young People's Plan and are referenced throughout the document.

Arrangements for multi-agency co-operation and performance management are described. Five strategic multi-agency monitoring sub-groups have been created by the Children and Young People strategic partnership to monitor the targets and aspirations set out in the plan. This will involve collective evaluation of the impact on outcomes for children and young people.

The Children's Trust Approach, integrated governance arrangements, the Common Assessment Framework, Children's Centres and extended schools are described as the key instruments to bring about improved co-operation at strategic, tactical and operational levels in all agencies to ensure a focus on positive outcomes for children and young people.

An article will be published in Harrow People Magazine to ensure public awareness.

A progress report will be prepared for October 2006.

2.2 Options considered

n/a – the Children and Young People's Plan is a statutory requirement.

2.3 Consultation

Consultation has been extensive with all stakeholders - including voluntary agencies, community groups partner agencies, children, young people and families. Consultation will continue throughout 06/07 to inform annual updates.

2.4 Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

2.5 Legal Implications

Complies with requirements of the Children Act 2004.

2.6 Equalities Impact

Considered in original work

2.7 Section 17 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 Considerations

n/a

Section 3: Supporting Information/Background Documents

Background Documents: None.