

Meeting:	Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Sub-committee
Date:	17 th April 2007
Subject:	Children's and Young People Plan
Key Decision: (Executive-side only)	No
Responsible Officer:	Paul Clark – Director of Children's Services
Portfolio Holder:	Janet Mote – Portfolio Holder for Children's Services
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	CYPP Guidance

SECTION 1 – SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This report sets out the process by which we have reviewed and refreshed the Children and Young Peoples Plan – This is a three year plan but we are required to review and refresh annually.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee is requested to receive and note this information and comment on the proposed refresh

REASON: To ensure that the Committee are fully conversant with both the rationale for the refresh and the proposed action so they can review our progress

SECTION 2 - REPORT

Criteria for Reviewing and Assessing the Children and Young People's Plan

The guidance indicates that there are some common themes that should be considered as part of the annual review.

All CYPPs should:

- be specific when setting priorities and targets for improvement to the outcomes;
- align the Every Child Matters and Standards agendas;
- demonstrate in practical fashion what is to be done and where

CYPP REVIEW - THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENT

The Children and Young People's Plan (England) Regulations 2005¹ require:

- *'The authority shall review their plan in each year in which the authority is not required to publish a plan.*
- *During the conduct of such a review the authority shall consult persons, as they consider appropriate.*
- *The authority shall publish the result of the review in such manner as they consider appropriate.'*

Other guidance

Reviewing the CYPP will require the active involvement of a wide range of partners. The local authority should consult appropriately those covered by the duty to co-operate under the Children Act 2004 and those groups and persons identified by the *Children and Young People's Plan (England) Regulations 2005* and the *Children and Young People's Plan (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2007*.

As with the CYPP local authorities must publish the results of the review but may determine the manner and type of publication; for example either standalone document or amended plan (showing the results of the review) in electronic or hard copy.

When undertaking the CYPP review local authorities should ensure that any revisions are consistent with the Children and Young People sections of LAAs that have been agreed or refreshed in April 2007. Likewise they should ensure that the LAA process has been informed by their current CYPP.

The overall aim of the CYPP review is to measure progress against milestones, take account of new circumstances and maintain the momentum for change. The review should provide readers with a clear evaluation of the impact of the actions taken to improve outcomes for children and young people in all the different settings.

¹ The Children and Young People's Plan (England) Regulations 2005 (SI 2149/2005) available from www.opsi.gov.uk/stat.htm

The review will involve the children's trust partnership who developed the CYPP, and will include (where appropriate) all children and young people in the local area aged 0 to 19, young people aged 20 and over leaving care, and young people up to the age of 25 with learning difficulties. The review should include background information to demonstrate the extent and range of partnership involvement in the review, and the ways in which the views of children, young people, families and carers have been sought and taken into account of.

Local authorities have established strong performance management processes and should use these for the review - for example, using internal reports and regular reviews of progress against milestones in relation to particular groups of children and young people such as the poorest and most vulnerable. The review will need to draw on a wide range of information and data available to local partners. This will include:

- APA and JAR results
- Priorities Meetings' outcomes
- LAA reviews and negotiations
- Education and other performance data and statutory targets
- Ongoing consultations

The Harrow CYPP Review and Refresh

As part of the Jar process Harrow carried out an in depth analysis of its performance both in relation to the CYPP and in respect of the whole ECM agenda. As part of this process we consulted widely with our partners and indeed they contributed significantly to the Self Evaluation that we submitted to Ofsted. Additionally as part of the JAR, Ofsted conducted a Tell-Us-Survey of Children and Young People, which is an online survey of a large sample of school age children.

During the JAR Ofsted spoke to many groups of Children and Young people to gain their views and also to all our partners including the private and voluntary sector.

As a result the publication of the JAR report represents for us a detailed audit of our provision and progress within the CYPP and we are using this to inform our 2007 refresh of the plan.

The outcomes of the JAR have been shared in an earlier report, as has the action plan, which has been developed from it. This Action Plan has been discussed and agreed with all partners through the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership and this Partnership will have the responsibility to deliver the key actions and monitor progress.

Specific actions will be discussed and agreed by the 5 ECM sub groups who will be required to report quarterly on actions and progress to the main CYSP Board

The Harrow CYPP

The vision which underpins all organisations working with children and young people in Harrow remains key to our continuing efforts to build on achievements so far and to make further improvements.

Our vision is for a thriving, diverse and successful future for every harrow child". (*Harrow Children and Young people Plan: April 2006*)

Are we making a difference?

Devising measurements to demonstrate the collective impact of partnership endeavours on outcomes for children has been a key area or activity of the Children and Young People's Partnership in 2006 and 2007. We have devised a performance monitoring technique, involving the selection of targets to meet agreed priorities, measured on the corporate balance scorecard and evaluated by the monitoring sub-groups. This system allows us to monitor our progress on a regular basis and take any necessary remedial action where appropriate.

Progress on all five outcomes is positive with key areas for development identified by the JAR, and the self-assessment. The Annual performance assessment shows steady improvement consistent with JAR findings and the LAA agreement has provided the support required to improve on some of our highest priorities.

We are therefore making steady, but thoughtful progress on our vision for children and young people growing up in Harrow, and continue to work with them on making it happen.

Evidence

- The views of children and young people were established through 4 APSIG (All Party Special Interest group) events.
- Parents and carers are regularly consulted as part of individual Children Centres consultation programme.
- A series of seminars, entitled "Every Harrow Child" for practitioners and managers working with children was designed to establish consensus on ways of improving multi-agency collaboration in practice. The outcomes of these seminars will also inform the detailed planning of the Children's Trust approach and consensus on local application of the Common Assessment Framework and Lead Professional roles.
- An audit of recommendations of the Victoria Climbié enquiry report conducted by the LSCB.
- An audit of all recommendations of all case reviews conducted since 2000 conducted by the LSCB.
- An updated (children) needs audit including health data.
- The JAR.
- Our self-assessment prepared for the JAR.
- The Annual Performance Assessment data.

- A progress report on the 1st edition plan of the plan and
- Joint commissioning guidance (DfES march 2006).

The Proposed plan will be broadly similar to the JAR Action Plan and be focussed on the following priorities:

<u>Be healthy</u>	<u>Staying Safe</u>	<u>Enjoy and achieve</u>	<u>Making a positive contribution</u>	<u>Achieve economic well-being</u>
Development of CAMHS services	Placement stability and choice of CLA (LAA)	Reducing School exclusions	Positive profile of CYP	Reducing NEET (LAA)
Improving access to sexual health and education by young people	Child protection	Attendance and achievements of CWD, CLA (LAA) and vulnerable children and young people	Reducing crime and anti-social behaviour	Provision of High Quality child care
Reducing Teenage Pregnancy (LAA)	Safeguarding vulnerable young people		Engagement and participation	
Improving Breast-feeding rates (LAA)				
Cross-cutting: Children Looked After, Children on the Child Protection Register, Children with disabilities and Children with additional needs (See Par 4.1)				

The detailed Refresh of the plan will be published in April

SECTION 3 - STATUTORY OFFICER CLEARANCE

Chief Finance Officer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Name: Donna Edwards
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SECTION 4 - CONTACT DETAILS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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Background Papers: Children and Young People's Plan

IF APPROPRIATE, does the report include the following considerations?

1.	Consultation	YES
2.	Corporate Priorities	YES
3.	Manifesto Pledge Reference Number	1 5 6