

REPORT FOR DECISIONAgenda
Item

MEETING:	EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
	28 November 2007 12 December 2007
SUBJECT:	REFRESH OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLES PLAN
REPORT FROM:	EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE
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TYPE OF DECISION: COUNCIL**INCLUDED IN FORWARD PLAN FOR THE PERIOD
BEGINNING 08.11.07****REPORT STATUS: FOR PUBLICATION**

PURPOSE/SUMMARY:

The Children and Young People's Plan 2007-10 was brought to Executive on 20 June 2007.

In the light of the recent developments, including the Annual Performance Assessment, the update of the Strategic Needs Analysis, new data (including the schools results for 2007) and the implementing of Children's Trust arrangements in Bury, the Children's Trust Board decided that the Plan should be refreshed in preparation for the Joint Area Review (January/February 2008).

The Refresh has now been completed and approved by the Children's Trust Board.

Members are asked to note and approve the Refresh of the Children and Young People's Plan for inclusion in the Council's Policy Framework. A copy of the plan is attached as an appendix to this report.

OPTIONS AND RECOMMENDED OPTION (with reasons):

That Members note and approve the Refresh of the Children and Young People's Plan 2007-10 to ensure that the Plan reflects current priorities.

IMPLICATIONS -	
Financial Implications and Risk Considerations	See DoFEG comment below
<p>Corporate Aims/Policy Framework: Do the proposals accord with the Policy Framework? The recommendation involves a change to the Children and Young Peoples Plan, which is part of the Policy Framework. Any change must therefore be approved by Council.</p>	
Are there any legal implications?	None directly arising from the report
Considered by Monitoring Officer: Yes (JH)	
Statement by Director of Finance and E-Government:	None directly arising directly from the report. The plan identifies key performance priorities the funding of which will need to be managed within the resources available to the Council and its partners. Over time there will need to be greater integration between allocation of financial resource and priorities, and this will be reflected in subsequent plans.
Staffing/ICT/Property:	None directly arising from the report
Wards Affected:	All
Scrutiny Interest:	Children and Young People

TRACKING/PROCESS**DIRECTOR:**

Chief Executive/ Management Board	Executive Member/ Chair	Ward Members	Partners
12 November 2007			6 November 2007
Scrutiny Panel	Executive	Committee	Council
	28 November 2007		12 November 2007

BACKGROUND

The Children's Act 2004 introduced a requirement for each Local Authority to produce a Children and Young People's Plan, setting out how the Authority, in collaboration with partners, will meet their respective responsibilities in respect of services to children and relevant young people.

The Children & Young People's Plan 2007-10 has been developed by a partnership of statutory and voluntary agencies, schools and colleges, children and young people, and parents and carers, through a wide ranging consultation process.

It sets out the framework for partnership working to deliver the shared improvement priorities, and shape future service delivery to improve outcomes for all, and in particular for vulnerable groups and those most in need.

The priorities and cross-cutting themes of the Children & Young People's Plan are aligned to the themes of the Local Area Agreement, ie, to engage with and strengthen communities; and to reduce inequalities.

The Children's Trust has undertaken a Refresh of the Children & Young People's Plan which updates the information in the Plan in the light of recent changes and current data. This includes the implementation of Children's Trust arrangements in Bury; the new Government 10 year strategy which requires Local Authorities and partners to have an integrated youth support strategy in place; the Making it Better health reconfiguration; and updated data including the schools results for 2007 and the Strategic Needs Analysis.

The Children & Young People's Plan will be reviewed in 2008 in line with the statutory requirement to conduct a formal review of the Plan in each year in which the Authority is not producing a new Plan.

Conclusion

The Children and Young People's Plan is an important part of the Council's Policy Framework, being one of a number of statutory plans. It sets out, the priorities of the Council, and of its partner agencies, in respect of the provision of services to children and young people.

The Plan has been refreshed in the light of recent developments and data and in preparation for the Joint Area Review.

Members are requested to note and approve the Refresh of the Plan.

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