

**To the Mayor and Members of the CABINET**

**Children and Young People's Plan 2017-20**

<b>Relevant Cabinet Member(s)</b>	<b>Wards Affected</b>	<b>Key Decision</b>
Councillor Nuala Fennelly Lead Member for Children, Young People and Schools	All	Yes

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. The interim Children and Young People's (CYP) Plan will expire at the end of 2016-17. The Children and Families Partnership Board established an Interim Executive Group in the summer of 2016 to deliver the JSNA, the updated CYP Plan, and an outcomes framework. An updated CYP Plan is attached in Appendix 1.
2. This plan sets out how the overall ambition for children and young people translates into action and how we can assess the impact we are having. It sets out who is doing what and the priorities for the next 3 years and acts as the overarching document that directs strategic commissioning across the partnership.
3. The Plan sets out 12 priorities for improving the lives of children and young people in the borough. The priorities are set out under four key themes: safety, health, achievement and equality. These are drawn from the intelligence gathered from the JSNA, and using insight from the direct participation of children and young people.
4. There are a number of issues that were raised both from JSNA evidence and from engagement with children and young people. In terms of evidence led priorities, there is a need to reduce levels of childhood obesity, implement the LTP, and work to ensure alignment early help cohort of the Place Plan. In terms of Voice driven priorities, the most prominent issue was access to emotional wellbeing and mental health support. This was consistently raised by children and young people.

**EXEMPT REPORT**

5. This report is not exempt.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

6. It is recommended that Cabinet consider and endorse the Children and Young People's Plan and the overarching ambition therein.

**WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?**

7. The Children and Young People's Plan is established to ensure that those institutions

with a responsibility for children work and plan together, agree on a collective set of priorities and take collective responsibility for improving children’s outcomes.

## BACKGROUND

8. The Council and its partners will be clearly seeking to deliver on our ambition to become the most child friendly borough in the country. Central to this is a fundamental shift in our approach – moving from simply trying to respond to national directives to seeking to shape the narrative and become an example of best practice. In a time of constrained finances, this is absolutely essential, and is a clear indication of determination to see the children and young people of Doncaster consistently achieve their full potential.
9. Collectively, the partnership in Doncaster spent £364m on children and young people in 2015/16. There are approximately 65,000 children and young people under the age of 18 in Doncaster. This amounts to an average of £5,600 spent per child. Out of this money children are schooled, kept healthy, supported in their early years, kept safe and secure and the most vulnerable children and young people properly cared for.
10. The Council and its partners have identified four priority themes to frame the collective effort to improve the lives of children and young people:

THEMES	KEY PRIORITIES			
Safe	Children have access to the right services at the <b>earliest opportunity</b>	Domestic abuse practice is <b>transformed</b> across Doncaster	No child suffers significant harm as a result of <b>neglect</b>	Keeping teenagers and young people <b>safe</b>
Healthy and happy	Children and young people are healthy, have a <b>sense of wellbeing and are resilient</b>	Children have the best <b>start in life</b>	Children and young people’s <b>development</b> is underpinned through a healthy lifestyle	
Achievement	Ensure all children are <b>school ready</b>	All children <b>attend a good or better</b> setting and <b>aspirations</b> are raised to ensure they reach their <b>full potential</b>	Young people are equipped to access <b>education, employment or training in a way that supports future social mobility</b>	
Equality	Diminish the difference between <b>disadvantaged</b> and <b>non-disadvantaged</b> children and young people		Fewer children live in <b>poverty</b>	

11. The Plan sets out a three key actions to deliver improved outcomes across each of these priority areas. Full details of these actions, which member of the partnership is responsible for delivering them, and the governance group that will hold the partnership to account, can be found on page 12 of the CYP Plan.

## IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OUTCOMES

12. There is strong correlation between the four identified priority areas of the CYP Plan, and the council's key outcomes. The implications for these are set out below.

	<b>Outcomes</b>	<b>Implications</b>
	<p>All people in Doncaster benefit from a thriving and resilient economy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Creating Jobs and Housing</i></li> <li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Be a strong voice for our veterans</i></li> <li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Protecting Doncaster's vital services</i></li> </ul>	<p>Young people are equipped to access education, employment or training</p>
	<p>People live safe, healthy, active and independent lives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Safeguarding our Communities</i></li> <li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Bringing down the cost of living</i></li> </ul>	<p>Ensure no child suffers significant harm resulting from neglect</p> <p>Domestic abuse practice is transformed</p>
	<p>People in Doncaster benefit from a high quality built and natural environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Creating Jobs and Housing</i></li> <li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Safeguarding our Communities</i></li> <li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Bringing down the cost of living</i></li> </ul>	
	<p>All families thrive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Protecting Doncaster's vital services</i></li> </ul>	<p>Fewer children live in poverty</p> <p>Diminish the difference between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged children and young people</p>
	<p>Council services are modern and value for money.</p>	
	<p>Working with our partners we will provide strong leadership and governance.</p>	

## **RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS**

13. The refreshed CYP Plan mitigates the risk of not having a commissionable plan in place to improve outcomes for children and young people. The performance against the agreed outcomes will be regularly reported on and monitored through a revised governance structure, details of which can be found in Appendix 5 of the Plan.
14. The CYP Plan will be supplemented by 4 area plans that will set out in greater detail the actions that will take place at a local level. These will be delivered by the end of summer 2017. These will ensure that there is specific action to tackle specific issues based on local needs.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

15. A Local Authority has a number of specific statutory duties to children and young people. Two general duties are within the Children Act and Education Act. S17 of the Children Act 1989 provides that it shall be the general duty of every local authority to safeguard and promote the welfare of children within their area who are in need; and so far as is consistent with that duty, to promote the upbringing of such children by their families, by providing a range and level of services appropriate to those children's needs. S436A of the Education Act 1996 gives Local Authority's a duty to make arrangements to establish the identities of children in their area who are not registered pupils at a school and are not receiving suitable education otherwise. The programs of activity which will deliver the Plan will require specific and detailed legal advice as they develop further.
16. The decision maker must be aware of their obligations under the public sector equality duty (PSED) in s149 of the Equality Act 2010. It requires public authorities when exercising their functions to have due regard to the need to: eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimization; advance equality of opportunity; and foster good relations between people who share relevant protected characteristics and those who do not. The relevant protected characteristics under the Equality Act are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation. The duty also covers marriage and civil partnerships, but only in respect of eliminating unlawful discrimination.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

17. There are no specific financial implications arising from this report. The financial implications of the Children and Young People's Plan will be set out in subsequent service plans and revised commissioning arrangements.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS**

18. There are no specific HR implications arising from this report.

## **TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS**

19. There are no specific technology implications arising from this report.

## **EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

20. An Equality Impact Statement has been produced and is attached. Extensive efforts have been made to ensure that a broad cross-section of children and young people, alongside the partners that work in Doncaster, have been consulted and their feedback incorporated. Additionally, activity is planned to further strengthen this aspect of the Plan through an updated Participation and Engagement Strategy which is due for publication in summer 2017.

## **CONSULTATION**

21. The CYP Plan has been consulted on extensively with partners across Doncaster during its production. The full list of partners that have engaged with the Plan can be found in Appendix 2 of the Plan.

22. There is currently a second round of consultation underway with partners who were initially asked for comments and feedback, with a deadline set of the end of March. This will then allow us to have them incorporated in time for the publication of the Plan in April, and the proposed launch in May.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- Interim Children and Young People's Plan 2015-17
- Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2017-20

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