

**To the Chair and Members of the
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL**

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S (CYP) PLAN 2017-2020

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)	Wards Affected	Key Decision
Councillor Nuala Fennelly, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools	All	None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. This report provides details of the Children and Young People's Plan 2017-2020 for members' consideration and information.

EXEMPT INFORMATION

2. Not exempt.

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. This report has been presented to the Panel to update members on progress of the new Children and Young People's Plan.

BACKGROUND

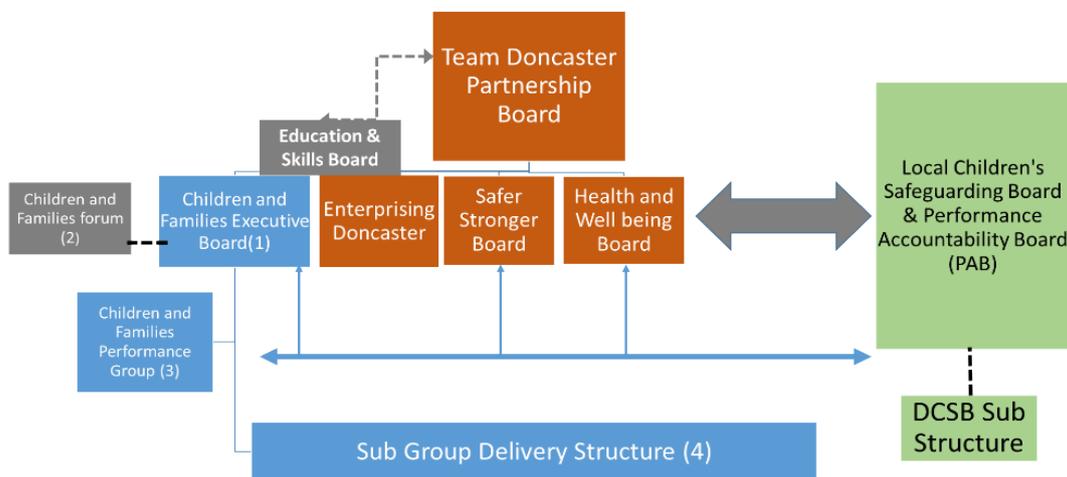
4. The interim Children and Young People's Plan (henceforth referred to as 'the Plan') expired at the end of 2016-17. The new Plan was signed off by Cabinet on 28th March 2017, along with the JSNA and outcomes framework. The Plan was also formally launched on Tuesday 23rd May at Doncaster Rovers with the event led by children and young people. This event also showcased the children's version of the Plan, which took the form of a short video.
5. 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.
6. 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 economic well-being. These are drawn from the intelligence gathered from the JSNA, and using insight from the direct participation of children and young people.

7. 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 Local Transformation Plan, and work to ensure alignment of early help cohort of the Place Plan. In terms of children and young people's Voice driven priorities, the most prominent issue was access to emotional well-being and mental health support. This was consistently raised by children and young people at each engagement event we ran with them during the production of the Plan.
8. 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 earliest opportunity	Domestic abuse practice is transformed across Doncaster	No child suffers significant harm as a result of neglect	Keeping teenagers and young people safe
	Children and young people are healthy, have a sense of wellbeing and are resilient	Children have the best start in life	Children and young people's development is underpinned through a healthy lifestyle	
Achievement	Ensure all children are school ready	All children attend a good or better setting and aspirations are raised to ensure they reach their full potential	Young people are equipped to access education, employment or training in a way that supports future social mobility	
	Diminish the difference between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged children and young people		Fewer children live in poverty	
Economic well-being				

9. Alongside the Plan, we are also developing a Participation & Engagement strategy with, and for, young people. This will set out in clear terms how we intend to meaningfully engage with children and young people over the duration of the Plan, including details of an annual young people festival.
10. Finally, there is a governance review that has taken place that will see a more robust structure implemented to hold the partnership to account for the ambition set out in the Plan. As roles and accountabilities change, partnership and collaboration is of the utmost importance in Doncaster and that the Children and Families Executive Board will have a truly vital role in delivering positive change for children and young people.
11. The main proposals are:
 - 1.1.1 A Children and Families Executive Board is established with senior officers from across the partnership. This will be a strategic and agile decision making board and report to Team Doncaster.
 - 1.1.2 A Children and Families Strategic Forum is established which allows a much wider group of stakeholders to participate and contribute in shaping the work of the partnership.
 - 1.1.3 A Children and Families Performance Group is established which will hold the sub-structure to account for delivery and escalate issues to the Board as necessary.
 - 1.1.4 A refreshed sub-group structure is established which will consist of statutory groups and also locally defined groups that allow us to deliver the outcomes in the Children and Young People’s Plan.

12. The agreed governance structure is set out below:



13. There is a comprehensive communication and engagement plan that sits alongside the Plan, which includes how we consistently engage with the local press and media about the four priorities of the Plan, the meetings that the Plan will be taken to, mechanisms for partners to feed into updates, and also a calendar of events which young people themselves will be partaking in over the forthcoming year.

Key Next Steps

14. There are a number of key next steps which will ensure that the Plan is implemented, monitored and evaluated effectively:
15. Set up sub-structure for governance arrangements - The refreshed sub-structure reflects the outcomes framework contained within the Plan. There are two main areas of the sub structure; Delivery Areas and Cross Cutting Enablers. The Delivery section reflects the 4 main areas of the outcomes framework, Be Safe, Healthy and Happy, Achieve and Economic Well-being. The cross cutting enablers include, Participation and engagement, Joint Commissioning, Area Boards and Corporate Parenting Board and these work across the four delivery areas. As a general principal it should be expected that each group will produce an annual plan towards the start of the year and contribute to an Impact report for the partnership towards the end of the year.
16. Set up system of performance reporting – the Plan was supplemented by an outcomes framework which covers the four priority areas. The children and families performance group will interrogate this data, with reports coming to the Executive Board setting out significant developments for partners. The group will meet frequently and will consist of sub group chairs and include a chair and vice chair who are members of the Executive Group.
17. Links to wider partnership – we are committed to engaging with all partners who have a stake in the success of the Plan to ensure that their work is aligned to the priorities set out above. To deliver this, we have created an engagement survey to capture what organisations are doing, and what strategies they already have in place, to benchmark how well placed partners are to meet the agreed priorities of the Plan. This will then be re-circulated along with the annual impact statement (described below) to measure improvement.
18. Actions relating to linking Participation & Engagement Strategy with CYPP – as set out in paragraph 4.6 above, the participation & engagement strategy will directly support the implementation of the Plan. A calendar of events, themed around the priorities of children and young people, will be delivered over the course of the Plan. Young people will be supported to provide effective challenge and scrutiny of the Plan through the Youth Council, and to campaign on the issues that matter to them.
19. Annual review cycle – to ensure that we are delivering improved outcomes for the children and young people of Doncaster, we are committed to the production of an annual impact statement. This will clearly set out the difference that we have made each year that the Plan is in place, and allow for clear scrutiny of the progress that we have made across the partnership.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

20. There are no specific options to consider within this report as the intention is to provide the Committee with an opportunity to note and consider the information presented.

IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY PRIORITIES

	Outcomes	Implications
	<p>All people in Doncaster benefit from a thriving and resilient economy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Creating Jobs and Housing</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Be a strong voice for our veterans</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Protecting Doncaster's vital services</i> 	<p>The work of Overview a Scrutiny has the potential to have an impact on all the Council's key objective</p>
	<p>People live safe, healthy, active and independent lives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Safeguarding our Communities</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Bringing down the cost of living</i> 	
	<p>People in Doncaster benefit from a high quality built and natural environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Creating Jobs and Housing</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Safeguarding our Communities</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Bringing down the cost of living</i> 	
	<p>All families thrive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Protecting Doncaster's vital services</i> 	
	<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

21. There are no specific risks associated with this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

22. There are no specific legal implications arising directly from this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

23. There are no specific financial implications arising directly from this report.

HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

24. There are no specific human resource implications associated with this report.

TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS

25. There are no technology implications associated with this report.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

26. There are no significant equality implications associated with this report. Within its programme of work Overview and Scrutiny gives due consideration to the extent to which the Council has complied with its Public Equality Duty and given due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, promote equality of opportunity and foster good relations between different communities.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- [Children and Young People's Plan 2017-20](#)
- [Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2017-20](#)
- Children & Families Partnership Governance arrangements (attached)

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