

5th November, 2015

**TO:
THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH & WELL BEING BOARD**

**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN 2011-2016
(DRAFT INTERIM 2015-2016 PLAN)**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. This report presents Doncaster's Draft Interim Children and Young People's plan (CYPP) 2015 – 2016.

EXEMPT REPORT

2. N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. That the Board review the draft plan and provide comments, which will be considered at the Children and Families Strategic Partnership Board (CFSBB) meeting in November 2015 (date subject to confirmation)

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?

4. The children and Young People's Plan is a high level strategic plan which sets out the vision and outcomes which 'Team Doncaster' and the Children and Families Strategic Partnership wants to achieve for children and young people in the borough. Principally, the plan seeks to ensure the safety of children, that help is provided as early as possible and that the voice of the children, young people and families is heard in the planning and delivery of services. The CYPP will also seek assurance that all six outcomes in this plan are either improving, or being achieved and will rigorously challenge under-performance.

BACKGROUND

5. The Doncaster CYPP 2011-2016 has been reviewed and redrafted as an interim plan for the period 2015-2016 to reflect the seismic changes which have occurred in the national and local children's policy and practice landscape, since the original plan was conceived. Over the past five years significant changes to children's services have included:- an agreement to establish a Children's Trust for the delivery of the majority of safeguarding and social care services; the impact of the Munro report which raised the profile and highlighted practice in safeguarding and the importance of early

intervention and multi-agency working; the implementation of the Health and Social Care Act 2012; a reducing financial envelope due to Local Authority and partner agency spending reductions following ‘austerity measures’; nationally initiated changes to Local Authority relationships with schools and the growth of the academies programme. There will be a new CYPP plan produced in 2016 for the period to 2021 which will be subject to more extensive consultation and which will be a more dynamic and cohesive document.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

6. There is no longer a statutory requirement to produce a Children’s Plan, however, most Local Authorities continue to produce a children and young people’s plan because it is recognised that this is an important strategic document for partners and the community in seeking to secure better outcomes for children and young people. The existing CYPP could have remained in place but was no longer felt to represent the reality of the children’s landscape in 2015.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

7. The Draft interim Children and Young People’s Plan has been subject to consideration by the CFPB at its meeting on 24th September, 2015 and further work by an executive grouping of partner agencies. The CYPP will be signed off at the next Children and Families Partnership Board meeting in November 2015. As the Health and Wellbeing Board is a key strategic arm of the Team Doncaster partnership, the Children and Families Partnership Board and there are clear thematic linkages between the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and this plan, the CFPB would invite and welcome comments from the Health and Wellbeing Board.

IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL’S KEY OUTCOMES

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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 CYPP has, as an outcome, the ambition for Children and young people to reach their full potential - in so doing, they will be able to access the benefits of a thriving economy and will themselves be participants in creating and sustaining the strength of the economy.</p>
<p>People live safe, healthy, active and independent lives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Safeguarding our</i> 	<p>Ensuring children and young people are free and feel free from harm is a key plank of this plan.</p>

<p>Communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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>The CYPP has clear implications for safeguarding communities in reducing risk and exposure of risk to children; improved early help and thus outcomes for families</p>
<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>	<p>The CFPB has a membership of leading agencies who are committed to improve outcomes across the piece for children, Young people and Families and through its sub groups will strive to achieve the same.</p>

RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

9. The key to improving outcomes for children young people and families will be successful implementation of the CYPP and the underpinning plans and strategies. The Governance structure for children's services will promote and rigorously challenge the key actions necessary to fulfil the objectives within the CYPP.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

10. There are no legal implications directly arising from this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

11. There are no financial implications directly arising from this report.

HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

12. There are no Human resource implications directly arising from this report.

TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS

13. There are no technology implications directly arising from this report, however achieving the ambitions of the CYPP may require appropriate investment / disinvestment from ICT systems.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

14. There are no equality implications directly arising from this report, although a key outcome identified in the plan is the ambition to narrow the gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged children and young people.

CONSULTATION

15. The Draft interim CYPP has been considered by partners at the meeting of CFPB on 24th September, 2015.

The CYPP was made available on request to Ofsted during the recent inspection of service for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

16. Draft Interim Children and Young People's Plan 2015-2016 (attached)

Children and Young People's Plan 2011-2016 – available for inspection at Civic Office, Doncaster.

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