

**THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN 2011-2012 PROGRESS REPORT**

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**1. Background**

- 1.1 The Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) is an overarching strategic plan for all organisations providing services for the children and young people of Wirral. It is developed by the Local Authority and its partners (Section 17 of the Children Act 2004).
- 1.2 The plan covers all the services for children and young people in the Borough and brings together all the strategic and operational plans to improve their lives and enable them to achieve their potential. It covers every aspect of children and young people's lives from before birth to their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday and beyond that if they have a disability or have been in care.
- 1.3 In April 2008 Wirral published its three year CYPP 2008-2011, which ends at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011. At the September 2010 Children's Trust Board meeting the board agreed to produce a new CYPP. Due to the significant national and local changes occurring in the public sector the agreement was to produce a one year plan.
- 1.4 The preparation of the CYPP is carried out by the Children's Trust Executive and multi-agency strategic groups linked to the five Every Child Matters Outcomes. The groups consist of representatives from all agencies working with children and young people in Wirral. As part of the needs analysis consultation was carried out with children and young people. A range of information and performance data was reviewed and through needs analysis identified emerging areas for focusing activity around priority areas.
- 1.5 This report provides the Board with an opportunity to consider the work carried out on the new CYPP to date and the draft priorities proposed and to provide feedback as appropriate.

**2. Proposals for Draft Priority Areas**

Priorities have been drafted by Strategy Groups. Each priority will be underpinned by clearly defined projects/activities. Mechanisms for performance management of the priorities will also be identified. These priorities are still under development through the Children's Trust Executive and should be considered as draft proposals. The Executive are meeting in early February to discuss the feedback on the proposals from the Board.

Being Healthy

- Inequalities in the health of children and young people are reduced.
- Implement a Child Health Strategy.
- Reduction in the harmful consequences of risk taking behaviour.
- Encourage and support all children and families to achieve and maintain a healthy weight and lifestyle.

### Staying Safe

- Vulnerable children, young people and families receive targeted, early intervention and support which meets their needs and improves their life chances.
- There are improved outcomes for children in care and care leavers.
- There are improved outcomes for children and young people in need of protection.
- Children live in communities where they feel safe, and where harmful behaviour is actively addressed and reduced.

### Enjoy and Achieve

- Implement the new schools system in line with government policy, including supporting schools converting to Academy status, and continue to review and improve special school provision.
- Young children and families are supported, especially the most vulnerable, through effective early years intervention.
- Support children and families with their social and emotional development.
- Develop and implement high quality traded school improvement services to support schools and settings to provide high quality education.
- Implement the outcomes of Wirral Council's consultation to review and redesign services ensuring cost effectiveness whilst improving service quality.
- Raise standards in schools and settings, with a particular focus on schools below the floor standard, those in danger of falling into an OFSTED category and supporting "satisfactory" schools to become good or better.
- Continue to improve provision, choice and outcomes for children and young people with Special Educational Needs (SEN) and/or disability, particularly in response to the national OFSTED report and SEN green paper.
- Improve the outcomes of children and young people where poverty and disadvantage affects their achievement.

### Positive Contribution

- Fewer children and young people are involved in offending and anti social behaviour.
- Children and young people have access to a range of appropriate play and developmental opportunities which meets their needs.
- Children and Young People are actively engaged in community and democratic decision making processes.

### Social and Economic Well Being

- Increase the number of young people who are participating and achieving their potential.
- Reduce numbers of 16-18 vulnerable young people NEET.
- Contribute to the reduction in levels of child poverty.

## **3. Recommendations**

1) That the Board consider the process and proposals for the CYPP priorities and provide feedback.

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