Summary:

The report is to present to the Committee the most recent draft of the proposed Children and Young Peoples Plan 2020 – 2025.

The report details the steps taken to produce this draft, the ongoing work and the final process to agree a final version before approval of the Health and Wellbeing Board and Cabinet is sought and the plan becomes operational on April 1st 2020.

The report is presented to the Committee to gain their feedback before the final version is produced.

Recommendation(s):

(1) The Committee review the draft.

(2) The Committee provide feedback to inform the final version.

Reasons for the Recommendation(s):

To strengthen and improve the plan and offer due Governance to a crucial strategic document for Children’s Services.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: (including any Risk Implications)

Not Applicable
What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs

No Implications identified at this time

(B) Capital Costs

No Implications identified at this time

Implications of the Proposals:

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What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

(A) Internal Consultations

The Head of Corporate Resources (FD5846/19) and the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer (LD4080/19) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

(B) External Consultations

The development of the plan has been reviewed and informed by the Public Engagement and Consultation Panel. The plan has been developed in partnership with established Youth Forums in the borough, the Primary and Secondary Schools Head Teacher forums, and Every Child Matters Forum, and informed by the results of the public consultation on the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, Start Well section.

Implementation Date for the Decision

Immediately following the Committee meeting.

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Appendices:

The following appendices are attached to this report: The draft Children’s and Young Peoples Plan for 2020 – 2025

Background Papers:

There are no background papers available for inspection.

1. Background

1.1 The Children and Young People’s Plan defines the vision and ambitions for children and young people in Sefton. The document which sets out clearly what, collectively as a Children's Trust partnership area, needs to be achieved and how that will be done. It includes an outcome measure metric chapter that the plans progress will be measured against and identifies twelve local priority areas for improvement for 2020 - 2025.
1.2 Sefton’s Children and Young People’s Plan currently runs to 2020. The plan has been reviewed and updated to cover the period 2020/2025 and consultation has taken place with stakeholders to ensure that the plan reflects what matters most to them and takes into account what we already know.

1.3 The timescales for completing the plan run concurrently with the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and is the opportunity to ensure that, wherever possible, the Strategy and Plan align and make best use of information received from the wider strategy public consultation.

2. Introduction

2.1 The current plan has four key priorities which are:

1. Ensure all children and young people have a positive educational experience
2. Ensure all children have a healthy start in life and a healthy adulthood
3. Improving the quality of lives of young people with additional needs and vulnerabilities, to ensure they are safe and fulfil their individual potential
4. Ensure positive emotional health and wellbeing of children and young people is achieved

While progress against these has been made it’s recognised that these priorities remain for Sefton’s children and young people and the plan chooses to refocus them under the following headings:

Happy – A family life, strong families and vibrant communities where children feel safe

Healthy – a healthy start to life, safe and healthy lifestyles

Achieving – high aspiration, opportunities and achievements

Heard – children and young people will always be central to decisions we make about them and their journeys will be shaped by their voice and experience.

2.2 The plan uses information that already exists, like statistics and numbers from things we already do, for instance youth clubs, educational attainment, and how many people are getting mental health support (JNSA).

2.3 The plan’s consultation and engagement approach has been reviewed and steered by the Consultation and Engagement Panel. It was recognised that the high number of public consultations during the period meant a pragmatic approach to existing intelligence and data sources was preferable.

2.4 Pre-consultation took place with the SYMBOL group on 13th June 2019 to test out the headlines in section 1.4 and responses were incorporated into the planning of the consultation. SYMBOL suggested approaching a number of youth groups/providers who have already collected data that may be useful to feed into the plan. This was obtained and included in the plan.
2.5 A small steering group lead on the rewrite of the plan which includes the Interim Director of Children Services and Education, the Integrated Social Care and Health Manager, the Sefton Young Advisor Team Leader and a Strategic Support Officer.

3. The Consultation

3.1 Following the initial collection of existing data sets, the steering group incorporated and produced a second draft of the plan. This version was then sent by the Interim Director of Children’s Services and Education to the identified Youth Groups, Every Child Matters Forum, the Chairs of the Primary and Secondary Heads Forums for cascading to all members, and key stakeholders across Social Care, Public Health, Commissioning and Sefton CCGs. The plans priorities have also been presented to the Chief Executives of Health Providers in Sefton.

3.2 Invitations to attend meetings and groups to discuss in detail were also extended until the 22nd November 2019. Two dedicated events with Youth Groups have been arranged to date (YKids and a collective facilitated by the CVS Youth Lead)

3.3 A report will be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board on 4th December 2019 with the results of the consultation and the draft plan and a final version to Cabinet on 9th January 2019.

3.4 The plan will then be shared throughout January to March 2020 with a view to it being adopted for April 2020.

4. Conclusion

We are nearing the conclusion of the process of establishing a Children and Young Persons plan 2020 – 2025. The plan is intended to be a clear vision of how all involved with the delivery of services to Children and Young People in Sefton must contribute to the 12 priorities. We will ask the Health and Wellbeing Board to hold the system to account around its delivery against these priorities. The Committees feedback is welcomed.