

<b>Report to:</b>	Cabinet	<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	9 January 2020
<b>Subject:</b>	Children and Young Peoples Plan 2020 - 2025		
<b>Report of:</b>	Interim Director of Children's Social Care and Education	<b>Wards Affected:</b>	(All Wards);
<b>Portfolio:</b>	Cabinet Member - Children, Schools and Safeguarding		
<b>Is this a Key Decision:</b>	Yes	<b>Included in Forward Plan:</b>	Yes
<b>Exempt / Confidential Report:</b>	No		

### Summary:

The report is to present to Cabinet the Children and Young Peoples Plan 2020 – 2025 and accompanying Commissioning Strategy. The report details the steps taken to produce the plan, the governance and oversight applied to previous drafts and to seek Cabinet approval before the plan becomes operational on April 1st, 2020.

### Recommendation(s):

That the Cabinet be requested to approve the Children and Young Peoples Plan 2020 – 2025 and accompanying Commissioning Strategy.

### Reasons for the Recommendation(s):

The report seeks to offer assurance of the prior governance, oversight and consultation that has developed the final version of the Children and Young Peoples Plan. This information should enable Cabinet to confidentially approve the Plan for Sefton's Children and Young People.

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

Not having a Children's and Young Peoples Plan – This would leave a Strategic risk in the delivery of co-ordinated services focused on improving the identified priority outcomes for our children and Young People in Sefton.

### What will it cost and how will it be financed?

#### (A) Revenue Costs

This document represents the strategic approach that is to be adopted and as such there are no revenue costs identified. It is expected that the delivery of the strategy will be within the existing revenue budget for the service

#### (B) Capital Costs

**There are no capital costs arising from this report**

**Implications of the Proposals:**

<p><b>Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets):</b> There are no resource implications identified within the Strategy. Any specific requirements or additional resource implications will be identified as detailed proposals are developed for the delivery of priorities and these will be the subject of member approval as defined within the Councils Financial Procedure Rules</p>
<p><b>Legal Implications:</b>  Children Act 2004</p>
<p><b>Equality Implications:</b>  There are no equality implications. The Strategy is applicable to all Children and Young People in Sefton equally and analysis of protected characteristic of our existing cohort have been reviewed as part of the process.</p>

**Contribution to the Council’s Core Purpose:**

<p>Protect the most vulnerable: The plan aims to ensure every child and young person in Sefton is Happy, Healthy and able to reach their full potential.</p>
<p>Facilitate confident and resilient communities: The plan aims to ensure every child and young person in Sefton is Happy, Healthy and able to reach their full potential</p>
<p>Commission, broker and provide core services: The Plan will inform an integrated Children’s Commissioning Vision and influence all future Commissioning activity for Children and Young People.</p>
<p>Place – leadership and influencer: The plan states 12 priorities that will shape all activity in relation to Children and Young People in Sefton from 2020 – 2025.</p>
<p>Drivers of change and reform: The plan states 12 priorities that will shape all activity in relation to Children and Young People in Sefton from 2020 – 2025.</p>
<p>Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity: Not applicable</p>
<p>Greater income for social investment: Not applicable</p>
<p>Cleaner Greener Not applicable</p>

**What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?**

**(A) Internal Consultations**

The Head of Corporate Resources (FD5884/19) and the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer (LD4068/19) 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**

Following the expiry of the “call-in” period for the Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting

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### **Appendices:**

The following appendices are attached to this report:

The 2020 – 2025 Children and Young Peoples Plan.

### **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 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, regular reports and updates on the progress of the current plan have been provided to both Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the health and Well Being Board. The plan has been reviewed and updated to cover the period 2020/2025 and consultation has taken place with stakeholders, including Children and Young People themselves 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
- 2.2 Significant progress has been made against these, notably;
- Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), achieving a good level of development, we are the highest in the North West (NW) and above the regional average.
  - Sefton's Not in Employment Education or Training (NEET) group has improved over the 3 year period, performing better than Liverpool City Region (LCR) and staying in line with the North West.
  - Sefton has consistently exceeded the England and North-West numbers, for children benefitting from the 'Two Year Old Offer'. Since the introduction of the Two Year Old Offer in 2009, Sefton has worked in close partnership with Health and Early Years Settings to identify and engage with the families of rising two year olds whose families meet the criteria
  - We have seen a decrease in young people being involved with Anti Social Behaviour, one significant reason could be we have issued Gang Injunctions along with the police, which have significantly decreased youth Anti Social Behaviour in the Area. (80% of the cases are adults)
- 2.3 However it's recognised that largely the previous priorities remain for Sefton's children and young people and the plan chooses to refocus them under the following headings:
- 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.
- 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
- 2.4 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.
- 2.5 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.

- 2.6 Pre-consultation took place with the Sefton Youth Making Better Opportunities with Leaders (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.
- 2.7 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. A dedicated event with YKids has been held and collective feedback has been facilitated by the CVS Youth Lead, alongside attendance at the Sefton Head Teachers forum.
- 3.3 This is the final version of the plan being presented to Cabinet for approval, with an accompanying Commissioning Vision. Please see the appendices.
- 3.4 The plan will then be shared throughout January to March 2020 with a view to it being adopted for April 2020. During this time, a detailed delivery plan will also be developed
- 3.5 Drafts of the plan have been reviewed and shaped by the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Over and Scrutiny Committee (Children Services and Safeguarding).

### **4. Conclusion**

This a presentation of the proposed Children and Young Persons plan 2020 – 2025, and accompanying Commissioning Vision. 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.