

**CABINET – 12 JUNE 2018****LEICESTERSHIRE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES PARTNERSHIP PLAN
2018 - 2021****REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
SERVICES****PART A****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval of the draft Leicestershire Children and Families Partnership Plan for 2018 – 2021 which is attached as Appendix A to this report. The Plan has been jointly developed by the Leicestershire Children and Families Partnership.

Recommendation

2. It is recommended that the Leicestershire Children and Families Partnership Plan 2018 – 21 be approved.

Reason for Recommendation

3. The Plan and associated actions will provide a vehicle for the Partnership to work together on shared priorities, enabling it to identify opportunities to maximise partnership resources and expertise across the public and voluntary sectors and to avoid duplication.

Timetable for Decisions (including Scrutiny)

4. The draft Plan was approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board at its meeting on the 24 May 2018.
5. The Children's Overview and Scrutiny Committee will receive a report on 4 June 2018 as part of the consultation on the draft Plan and its comments will be reported to the Cabinet.
6. Subject to the Cabinet's approval, the draft Plan will also be taken through the relevant governance processes of City, East and West Clinical Commissioning Groups, District Councils and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner over the summer for approval. It is intended that the final version of the Plan will be launched in September 2018.

Policy Framework and Previous Decisions

7. The Leicestershire Children and Families Partnership was established in November 2016 as a subgroup of the Health and Wellbeing Board. It replaced the Supporting Leicestershire Families Executive, with an expanded remit to include oversight of delivery of all the priorities for children and families as set out in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
8. The Leicestershire Children and Families Partnership Plan is aligned the Council's Corporate Strategic Plan and Children and Families Departmental Plan and focuses on the added value of approaching strategic priorities across the Partnership to ensure consistent communication and service delivery to Children and Families. It also aligns to partner plans including Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Infant Feeding and Infant Mortality Strategies, Leicestershire and Rutland Sport Physical Activity and Sport Strategy, Leicestershire Health and Wellbeing Strategy, Leicestershire Food Plan and Future in Mind.

Resource Implications

9. There are no resources implications arising from the recommendation in this report. The County Council's Children and Families Service funds one Full Time Equivalent post to support the Children and Families Partnership. The post is currently funded up until October 2019 and the on-going sustainability of this approach will need to be considered moving forward.

Circulation under the Local Issues Alert Procedure

10. None.

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PART B

Background

11. The Leicestershire Children and Families Partnership is a sub-group of the Health and Wellbeing Board and is made up of the key organisations that work with children, young people and their families across Leicestershire, including Leicestershire County Council, Leicestershire Police, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, NHS health partners, District Councils, Schools, Probation Service, Department of Work and Pensions and the voluntary sector.
12. The purpose of the Children and Families Partnership is to champion effective partnership working, so that together it has shared priorities and delivers outcomes that make a real difference to the lives of children and young people. Included in its terms of reference is the development and oversight of a plan for children and young people.

The Plan

13. The Leicestershire Children and Families Partnership Plan 2018 – 2021 is a strategic document which sets out the shared vision for children, young people and their families and the priority outcomes that need to be improved. The Plan is not intended to be a detailed description of the individual work of each partner, but rather a summary of key areas of work that are best delivered together in order to have the biggest impact on the lives of children and young people.
14. The Partnership has adopted the five supporting outcomes of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy relating to children and young people as the priority areas for the Plan:
 - 1 ***Ensure the best start in life*** – by developing an integrated early years pathway which ensures needs are assessed to enable appropriate interventions are offered and the development of a communication strategy to promote the 1001 critical days;
 - 2 ***Keep children safe and free from harm*** – by developing and embedding an integrated model of services to prevent harm to children and young people and make children safe by raising awareness of universal safety messages;
 - 3 ***Support children and families to be resilient*** - by developing an integrated approach to family resilience and self-sufficiency, provide joined up information and guidance to enable families to be self-sufficient and navigate services and support families to progress towards work;

- 4 ***Ensure vulnerable families receive personalised, integrated care and support*** – by providing integrated, outcome-based, high quality, cost-effective provision and developing a post-16 multi-agency delivery model;
 - 5 ***Enable children to have good physical and mental health*** – by developing a whole system approach based on ‘Making obesity everyone’s business’ and developing a partnership approach to emotional and mental wellbeing.
15. In order to help deliver each of the priorities, the Partnership has identified three key enablers which focus on the co-production with children and young people, an integrated commissioning approach and outcome-based delivery plans.
 16. The Partnership has also identified the need for a cross-partnership communication plan and workforce development approach to help to underpin the Plan.
 17. A priority lead has been identified for each of the five priorities who will be tasked with working with partners and other key stakeholders to identify the actions required in order for the priority outcome to be met.
 18. The Partnership will adopt an outcomes based approach to delivery, planning and assessing performance and impact, leading to a focus on the outcomes which services are intending to achieve. The leads of each outcome will provide quarterly reports to the Partnership Board, which will subsequently provide a progress report to the Health and Wellbeing Board every six months.

Consultation

19. The Partnership has actively sought feedback from children and young people across Leicestershire on the five priority areas to ensure their views are incorporated into the development of the Plan. The Plan’s development has also be shaped by the key themes for Leicestershire identified within the Make Your Mark 2017 National Youth Ballot and from consultation activity with targeted groups of children and young people, details of which can be found in Appendix B.
20. The consultation included reviewing existing feedback from children and young people and carrying out additional direct consultation with targeted cohorts through focus groups and community events, held from January to March 2018.
21. 55 children and young people participated in the focus groups. Each group consisted of a mix of male and female participants. Over 200 children and young people attended the VOICE events where consultation was undertaken as part of a “marketplace” session.

22. Key messages that emerged across the five outcomes included having support from someone they trust, someone to talk to and to listen to them, easier access to sports and physical activity, more information concerning online safety and better education and information on issues that affect them.

Equality and Human Rights Implications

23. An Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessment has been completed (attached as Appendix C) and will be presented to the Departmental Equalities Group on 6 June 2018 for approval.
24. The Partnership has an interest in ensuring that there are effective arrangements in place so that the services provided meet the identified needs of local people. The aim of the Plan is to improve outcomes for all children and young people aged 0 – 19 (25) across Leicestershire through seeking to improve the integration of health, care and education services across Leicestershire. Therefore, there is the potential for all children and young people to experience a positive impact as a result of the Partnership Plan, including those with a special educational needs or disabilities, those who are Looked After or on the edge of care and those at risk of exploitation as the plan sets out specific actions to address the needs of these vulnerable cohorts.

Background Papers

Report to the Health and Wellbeing Board on 24 May 2018 - Leicestershire Children and Families Plan 2018 - 2021

<http://politics.leics.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=1038&MId=5298&Ver=4>

Report to the Health and Wellbeing Board on 7 July 2016 - Terms of Reference for the Supporting Leicestershire Families Executive

<http://politics.leics.gov.uk/documents/s120533/SLF%20Executive%20ToR.pdf>

Appendices

Appendix A – Draft Leicestershire Children and Families Partnership Plan 2018-2021

Appendix B – Consultation with Children and Young People on Leicestershire’s Children and Families Partnership Plan 2018-21: Summary Report

Appendix C - Equalities and Human Rights Impact Assessment

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