

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE - 4 JUNE 2018

DRAFT MINUTE EXTRACT - LEICESTERSHIRE CHILDREN AND
FAMILIES PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2018-2021

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Children and Family Services presenting the draft Leicestershire Children and Families Partnership Plan 2018/21. A copy of the report, marked 'Agenda Item 10', is filed with these minutes.

In introducing the Plan, the Director of Children and Family Services explained that this was a strategic document which would set out the shared vision for children, young people and their families and the priorities that needed to be achieved. A lead had been identified for each of the five priorities within the Plan and these represented the different agencies from the Children and Families Partnership.

Arising from the discussion, the following comments were raised:-

- (i) The main aim of the Plan was to develop a more extensive offer for families. Within each of the five priorities, thematic working groups had been established to identify key actions to deliver and a detailed business plan had been created for each of the priorities. Progress with delivery of the Plan would be reviewed on an annual basis and success would be measured by considering whether the commitments set out in the Plan had been delivered. Progress would be reported to the Committee as appropriate.
- (ii) All partners had included their logo in the Plan and it was the intention to have a launch event early in the Autumn where all partners would formally sign up to the Plan. To date, the commitment of partners had been good and they were actively engaged in the process. It would be necessary to ensure that this continued.
- (iii) Concern was raised that resources to fund the post to support the delivery of the Plan were only in place until October 2019. A time limit had been placed on the post initially as the success of developing a Plan was unknown. However, good progress had been made and, although there were a lot of competing funding priorities, it was hoped that resources would be available in the budget to continue to fund the post. This would be helped by the fact that the post had now been transferred to the commissioning team within the Children and Families department.
- (iv) The Committee was pleased with the fact that the voice of young people had been captured in the Plan through a series of consultation events. This would be repeated throughout the life of the Plan to ensure that it was delivering what had been agreed.

- (v) The Committee agreed that it was important to know the names of the priority leads, as these would be accountable for ensuring each priority was delivered. There would be some changes to the leads in the coming months, but the current names would be circulated to the Committee.
- (vi) In response to a query around the role of the district and borough councils, the Chief Executive of Blaby District Council was a member of the Children and Families Partnership and fed back to the other authorities. It was noted that there had already been some success, for example, the district and borough councils had agreed to a reduction in Council Tax for care leavers.

The Committee welcomed the draft Plan, and acknowledged that some details were still ongoing. It also recognised that partnership working was key to the success of the delivery of the Plan.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the draft Children and Families Partnership Plan be noted
- (b) That the Cabinet be advised of the views of the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the draft Children and Families Partnership Plan.