

Date of meeting:	13 September 2021
Title of Report:	<b>A Bright Future 2021-2026</b>
Lead Member:	Councillor David Downie (Cabinet Member for Education, Children and Young People)
Lead Strategic Director:	Alison Botham (Director for Childrens Services)
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Your Reference:	BF
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

### **Purpose of Report**

To seek the endorsement of Council for the Bright Future vision paper for children and young people.

A Bright Future sets our ambitions for the children of the city for the next five years. It is a partnership approach to supporting all our children to have the best possible start to life, with activity driven through three priority areas: Safe, Healthy and Happy and Aspire and Achieve.

The plan has been developed collaboratively with our system partners, and through the involvement of children and young people.

A Bright Future includes a plan on a page, which was designed by children and young people. Our young people also took the opportunity to refresh the Ten Wishes document, which sets out what children and young people expect from the adults who work with them.

### **Recommendations and Reasons**

1. Agree to adopt the Bright Future plan and vision for children and young people in Plymouth for 2021-2026.

On 13th July 2021 Plymouth City Council Cabinet approved A Bright Future and agreed the recommendation that the plan be sent to City Council for adoption.

This is recommended as there is an ongoing need for a cohesive vision and plan for children's services in Plymouth, to drive forward the strategic direction of travel, take into account the changing needs of the population and to put in place the governance and oversight to monitor progress and enable effective challenge.

**Alternative options considered and rejected**

A Bright Future replaces the previous Children and Young People's Plan, in setting the strategic direction of travel for the children's partnership. The alternative of not having a new plan in place was rejected as this would leave a significant gap in partnership planning and working.

**Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan**

The Corporate Plan priorities of unlocking the city's potential and caring for people and communities are highly relevant to a Bright Future in the plan's aspirations for children to be kept safe, to be healthy and happy and to have the opportunities to aspire and achieve, both during their childhoods and into their adult lives. A Bright Future is also linked to the aspirations of the Plymouth Plan in improving the lives of children and young people and addressing the issues which lead to child poverty.

**Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:**

A Bright Future is a strategic plan; more detailed action plans will be developed which will support the three priority areas and take into account any resource implications: Safe, Healthy and Happy and Aspire and Achieve.

**Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:**

There are no implications in terms of Carbon Footprint.

**Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:**

*\* When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.*

A Bright Future aims to support children to have happy, healthy and safe childhoods in Plymouth, and be able to fulfil their ambitions. Critical to this is tackling some of the root causes of deprivation in the city and the impact this has on attainment and aspiration. The document takes a partnership approach to working together to wrap around families, to identify need early, support them during difficult times and build resilience.

**Appendices**

*\*Add rows as required to box below*

Ref.	Title of Appendix	Exemption Paragraph Number (if applicable) <i>If some/all of the information is confidential, you must indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box.</i>						
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A	A Bright Future 2021-2026							
B	A Bright Future – Children and Young People Plan on a page							
C	Ten Wishes – the why and how booklet							

**Background papers:**

\*Add rows as required to box below

Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are unpublished works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based.

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Emma Crowther (Strategic Commissioning Manager)											
Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes											
Date agreed: 23/06/2021											
Cabinet Member approval: Councillor Dave Downie (Cabinet Member for Education, Children and Young People)											
Date approved: 23/06/2021											