

CITY OF PLYMOUTH

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Executive Summary:

Plymouth2020 have set out the strategic priorities for the City around:

- Delivering Growth
- Raising Aspiration
- Reducing Inequality
- Providing Value for Communities

Many of the agencies in the Children and Young People's Trust partnership have a valuable contribution to make to broader goals, for example Children's Centres promoting smoking cessation in their work, schools helping to improve residents' satisfaction with their local area and GPs raising the level of spend on services provided by the voluntary and community sector. Similarly, other partnerships including the Wealthy and Wise theme groups have a key role to play in relation to children's outcomes. The Plymouth Children and Young People's Plan 2011-2014 focuses on how we will work together to deliver priorities specifically in relation to children, young people and families.

The current Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) 2008-2011 outlines 10 priorities based on the five Every Child Matters outcomes. The needs of children, young people and families are at the heart of the CYPP, and significant progress has been made over the past three years to improve services and better respond to the needs and voices of our customers. The attached report outlines the key successes that Trust partners have achieved as a result of working together.

The Plymouth Children and Young People's Trust recently became a theme group of the Plymouth2020 Partnership. While no longer a national requirement, the Children and Young People's Trust remains a local priority for the City and for the Council. The CYPP 2011-2014 will be a key delivery plan to achieve the City's four priorities, and is included under Local Choice Plans and Strategies.

A detailed assessment of children and young people's needs was completed in September 2010 building on the Plymouth Report and including specific theme based needs assessments, performance data, and stakeholder consultation. The views of thousands of children and families in the City have been incorporated into the plan.

In the plan, the Plymouth Children and Young People's Trust asserts five priorities for 2011-2014, based on their relevance and contribution to the City's wider priorities, legislative requirements, and the needs of children and young people requiring a partnership response. A key consideration in the selection of each priority is the ability to generate resource efficiencies across agencies, while maximising impact on the lives of families through a multi agency approach.

The proposed priorities, which were agreed by the Plymouth Children and Young People's Trust Board on 10th December 2010, include:

1. Equip young people with skills, knowledge and opportunities to make a successful transition towards adulthood
2. Improve levels of achievement for all children and young people
3. Tackle child poverty
4. Provide all children with the best possible start to life
5. Tackle risk taking behaviours through locality services

Under each CYPP priority, the Trust has identified what it will focus on. Consultation with stakeholders including children, young people, parents and practitioners across the City was undertaken during February 2011, through online consultation, one to one meetings as well as dedicated consultation sessions held at various locations across the City.

Identified next steps, following endorsement of this stated direction of travel, will be the development of detailed delivery plans for each priority outlining the commissioning intentions across agencies. The detailed plans are expected to be published in June / July 2011, at a time when greater clarity is expected within individual agencies about available resources, and further details about changes in legislative requirements will have emerged.

Corporate Plan 2011-2014 as amended by the four new priorities for the City and Council:

The Children and Young People's Plan 2011-2014 will directly contribute to the four new priorities for the City. As a theme group of the Plymouth 2020 Partnership, the Children and Young People's Trust will utilise its history of successful partnership work to achieve this. Each of the proposed CYPP 2011-2014 priorities is closely aligned with one of the City four priorities, and represents the role that children, young people and families will play in delivering Plymouth's future. This is further enhanced through the Trust's role as one of the six Plymouth2020 theme groups. Development of the delivery plans will be aligned with departmental business plans, to ensure that resources are aligned to achieve the stated outcomes.

Development of the Plymouth Plan's performance framework demonstrates how and where the Children and Young People's Plan will be accountable for achieving outcomes. The table

overleaf presents the Level 1 and Level 2 indicators that Trust members will directly and indirectly contribute to through delivery of the CYPP 2011-2014.

2020 Priority	Raise Aspirations	Reduce Inequalities
Level 1		NI 116 Reduce Child Poverty
Level 2	NI 075 Achievement of 5 or more A*-C grades at GCSE or equivalent incl Maths & English	Reduce the gap in attainment at Key Stage 4 between the most and least deprived localities in the city
	NI 80 Achievement of a Level 3 qualification by the age of 19	Reduce the gap in vulnerable families by at least 50% between the fifth most and fifth least deprived neighbourhoods by 2020 from the 2010 baseline.
	NI 117 16-18 year olds not in education, employment or training	NI 64 Child protection plans lasting 2 years or more
	NI 112 Reduce the Under 18 conception rate	Decrease the rate of childhood obesity in Year 6 children by 10% by 2020
		17 VSB / NI 53 Prevalence of Breastfeeding at 6-8 weeks

**Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:
Including finance, human, IT and land**

The Children and Young People’s Plan 2011-2014 priorities have been identified to maximise efficiencies through a partnership approach and using opportunities to align and/or pool budgets. The CYPP will be costed, and commissioning of services will take place based on the agreed partnership priorities within approved budgets and resources. Development of the detailed delivery plans will take place alongside greater clarity about resources, at both a national and local level, including grant funding opportunities.

There will be implications for staff resources include the establishment of integrated teams, in line with delivery of the locality agenda. This may have implications for asset management in terms of securing appropriate community settings, as well as IT requirements to ensure appropriate information management systems are in place. Additional IT support around information sharing systems to facilitate effective multi agency work may be required, but are in line with plans already in place and again will be based on prioritising existing resources or by bringing forward new invest to save proposals.

Other Implications: e.g. Section 17 Community Safety, Health and Safety, Risk Management, Equalities Impact Assessment, etc.

An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed for the Plymouth Children and Young People’s Plan 2011-2014.

Recommendations & Reasons for recommended action:

Cabinet is requested to agree the final Plymouth Children and Young People's Plan 2011-2014, to enable development of the detailed delivery plans, outlining the commissioning intentions across all key partners. This will enable a smooth transition as the current plan comes to an end.

Alternative options considered and reasons for recommended action:

The option to not develop the Children and Young People's Plan 2011-2014 has been considered by both the Plymouth 2020 Partnership Board and the Plymouth Children and Young People's Trust Board. As a successful and functional partnership, significant progress has been made across agencies to improve outcomes for children, young people and families across the City. Recognised locally as a priority for the City, the Children and Young People's Trust is now a theme group of the Plymouth 2020 partnership, with the CYPP acting as a key delivery plan to achieve the City's four priorities.

The publication of the plan could be delayed until fully costed delivery plans and commissioning intentions are outlined. However, a strong direction of travel has emerged from needs assessment, consultation and the Plymouth priorities. The financial settlements and national policy clarification will set out the tools available to the Children's Trust but we will not shift the needs of Plymouth families or the ambition and direction of the Plymouth2020 partnership. Similarly in making a clear statement of direction the Children's Trust will be in a stronger position to demand commitment from its partner agencies.

Background papers:

- Equality Impact Assessment
- Plymouth Children and Young People's Plan 2008-2011

Sign off:

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