

9: POLICY FRAMEWORK: STATUTORY PLANS

Report of the Cabinet

- 1 Government guidance in relation to the Local Government Act 2000 (the basis for the modernised Council arrangements) says that the full Council is responsible for approving or adopting a core set of plans and strategies, collectively known as the Policy Framework, following proposals made to them by an appropriate committee.
- 2 Although this Council's interim constitution does not specify the plans which comprise this Framework the Cabinet has used the list set out in national guidance and has therefore considered the three plans detailed below.
- 3 Although time has precluded the Cabinet being able to give these plans (whose preparation was well advanced before the pilot began) as much attention at a formative stage as they would like, they are nevertheless clear that it is important for the Council as a whole to agree or adopt these important plans.

Quality Protects – Management Action Plan 2001-2002

- 4 The Cabinet received a report from the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People on 19 February 2001 on the national Quality Protects programme which had recently been extended from a three year to five year programme. The aim was for every local authority to achieve year on year improvements in children's services.
- 5 The Plan which had been submitted to the Department of Health, addressed the need to provide the best care for looked after children and for the recruitment and retention of social workers.
- 6 An executive summary of the plan is attached as Appendix 1.

RECOMMENDED

That the County Council agrees the Quality Protects Management Action Plan 2001-2002.

Draft Youth Justice Service Plan 2001/2002

- 11 The Cabinet received a report from the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People on 19 February 2001 on the draft Youth Justice Plan 2001-2002. This was the second Youth Justice Plan which reviewed the work undertaken in the past year to establish the team, develop a formula for funding and report on the achievements towards the National Objectives for the Service.
- 12 An executive summary of the Plan is attached as Appendix 2.

RECOMMENDED

That the County Council agrees the Youth Justice Service Plan 2001/2002.

Early Years Development and Childcare Strategic Plan 2001-04 and Implementation Plan 2001-02

- 13 The Cabinet received a report from the Cabinet Member for Schools on 5 March 2001 on the Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership Strategic Plan 2001-04 together with the Implementation Plan 2001-02 which set out the next phase of work of the Partnership. Both the Strategic and Implementation Plans commence on 1 April 2001 and it is a requirement that both plans are adopted by the Council.
- 14 Extensive consultation has taken place with all Members of the Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership. Providers, parents, carers and other interested parties have also been consulted through consultation evenings in each area of the County.
- 15 An executive summary of the plans is attached as Appendix 3.

RECOMMENDED

That the County Council adopts the Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership Strategic Plan 2001-04 and Implementation Plan 2001-02.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS**Cabinet Reports**

- 1 Quality Protects Management Action Plan – 19 February 2001
- 2 Draft Youth Justice Service Plan 2001/2002 – 19 February 2001
- 3 Early Years Development and Childcare Strategic Plan 2001-04 and Implementation Plan 2001-02 – 5 March 2001