



Buckinghamshire County Council Select Committee

Education, Skills and Children's Services Select Committee

Report to the Education, Skills and Children's Services Select Committee

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Purpose of Agenda Item

The Committee is presented with the Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) 2014/18 for its information.

Background

1. The Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) is the single, overarching, strategic plan for all services affecting children and young people across Buckinghamshire. It sets out our collective priorities to improve outcomes for the children and young people of Buckinghamshire.
2. The main organisations working with children and young people have come together, via the three Local Children and Young People's Partnership Boards, to produce the Plan. It has been overseen and agreed by the Buckinghamshire Children and Young People's Partnership Executive and the Health and Wellbeing Board.
3. The CYPP sets out what the Children and Young People's Partnership will do to make sure that every child and young person can achieve the outcomes and priorities identified for Buckinghamshire and links to other key initiatives such as the Health and Wellbeing and Child and Family Poverty Strategies.



4. The Plan takes account of legal requirements and guidance for Children's Services and includes a thorough review of local needs through the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). It does not include everything the Children and Young People's Partnership will be doing, but concentrates on the priorities and actions which we believe will make the biggest difference to children and young people in Buckinghamshire.
5. The activities attributed to services within the Children and Young People's Portfolio will be carried out within the resources available to the Portfolio through the Council's Medium Term Planning process or direct Government grant.
6. The priorities and objectives of the Plan are evidence based and have been informed by a range of factors. These are:
 - a) Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2013.
 - b) Buckinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2013/16.
 - c) Range of evidence from the Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children's Board such as Serious Case Reviews and audits.
 - d) Key consultations such as the Children and Young People's Residents Survey, 2013.
 - e) Outcome Reports - feedback on services from children, young people, parents, carers and staff.
 - f) Development work with over 800 children, young people, parents, carers and staff in Buckinghamshire to develop the Plan. This work used a number of methods including workshops, focus groups, surveys and meetings.
 - g) Partner organisation consultation via the Children and Young People's Partnership Executive, the three Local Children and Young People's Partnership Boards and other key partners not directly represented on these groups i.e. Thames Valley Police.
 - h) A formal on line consultation open to those living in the county and staff.
 - i) The Plan reached 1436 people via Family Information Service Facebook page.
7. An Equalities & VCS Impact Assessment has been undertaken. A hyperlink to this is given under Background Papers section of this report.

Summary

8. The core principle of a shared commitment to improve the lives of children, young people and families – enshrined in the Children Act 2004 section 10 'duty to co-operate' – remains as important as ever. The focal point for decision-making about local children should be shaped by local considerations.
9. The 2010 Children and Young People's Plan regulations have been revoked by Government and local areas are no longer required to prepare a CYPP.

10. Local partnerships are free to publish their own strategic plan as they see fit and there is no prescribed format, matters to be dealt with, timing or who to consult during the preparation of the plan. Relevant partners are not under any formal duty to 'have regard' to any voluntary plan.
11. In Buckinghamshire it was agreed (July 2012) that the Children and Young People's Trust Board be replaced with a Children and Young People's Partnership Executive, accountable to the Health and Wellbeing Board.
12. The Health and Wellbeing Board approved the CYPP at its meeting of the 20th March 2014. A Joint Cabinet Member Decision by the Cabinet Member for Children's Services and the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Skills was made with effect from 3rd June 2014.
13. In terms of the Buckinghamshire CYPP the following was agreed:
 - a) The CYPP be retained as the single strategic plan for children and young people that all partners sign up to and deliver.
 - b) It will be driven by the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and the Joint Commissioning Group and informed by the views of children, young people, parents, carers and staff.
 - c) The CYPP has clear links to other key initiatives such as the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, the Munro Programme and Families First, and visa versa, and that they compliment each other rather than duplicate.
 - d) The CYPP will reflect Buckinghamshire priorities and ensure effective partner engagement and accountability.
 - e) Performance management of the CYPP will be undertaken by the Children and Young People's Partnership Executive.
 - f) That the current plan (2011/14) runs its course with a new CYPP put in place for 2014/18.

Resource implications

14. The JSNA has evidenced where we need to improve services for children, young people and their families. The Plan clearly details the priorities for improvement of the county as identified through the JSNA.
15. It is essential that resource allocation is driven by this. This Plan takes the first steps in this process by identifying the priorities for improvement for Buckinghamshire. In order to contribute to the improvement of the four priorities in the CYPP, a redirection of resources may be required to fulfil the priorities detailed.
16. The Children and Young People's Partnership Executive will be responsible for determining the priorities for action within the plan and for requesting the partner bodies to make the necessary resources available. As far as the County Council is concerned it can only agree to these activities which can be undertaken within the resources agreed through the MTP or funded directly by Government grant. There is a risk that grant funding could reduce in-year, as happened previously, and should

this happen, there would be a review of what could be delivered within the remaining timeline of the plan.

17. By service providers truly working in partnership to plan and deliver services to children, young people and their families in a coordinated manner they are far more likely to be more efficient, effective and accountable. This partnership will include the aligning or pooling of budgets where appropriate.

Next steps

18. A detailed Action Plan is in development which will identify key performance measures and leads for these.
19. The Children and Young People's Partnership Executive will be the responsible body to performance manage the CYPP. It will receive quarterly performance reports and be alerted via exception reporting as and when required. The executive will report to the Health and Wellbeing Board twice a year.
20. The Executive will be subject to scrutiny by a sub group of the County Council's Education, Skills and Children's Services Select Committee This group consists of County and District Members and other appropriate partner body representatives.
21. The CYPP will be a web based document. Work by students from Amersham and Wycombe College is near completion to produce a more appealing design.

Background Papers

- Link to the Children and Young People's Plan 2014/18

http://www.buckinghamshirepartnership.gov.uk/media/1947839/cypp_2014_18_final.pdf

- Link to Equalities & VCS Impact Assessment (PDF document at bottom of this page):

http://www.buckinghamshirepartnership.gov.uk/media/1908870/EIA_for_CYPP.pdf

- Link to the Children and Young People's Partnership Executive information:

<http://www.buckinghamshirepartnership.gov.uk/children-and-young-peoples-partnership/about-the-partnership/>

- Link to the three Local Children and Young People's Partnership Boards information:

<http://www.buckinghamshirepartnership.gov.uk/children-and-young-peoples-partnership/about-the-partnership/local-partnership-boards/>