



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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Electoral divisions affected:	All

Purpose of Agenda Item

The Committee is presented with the Children and Young People's Services Portfolio Plan (CYPSP) 2014/15 for its information.

Background

1. Portfolio Plans are the Council's formal process for setting out the priorities for each cabinet portfolio and how these will be achieved. They are an important part of the Council's performance framework. These plans link directly up to the Council's Strategic Plan 2013 - 17.
2. Approved plans are published on the County Council's website and updated at suitable points in the year if appropriate.

Summary

3. The CYPSP sets out what Children and Young People's Services will do to make sure that every child and young person can achieve the outcomes and objectives identified for Buckinghamshire and links to other key initiatives such as



the Children and Young People's Plan and 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 Services 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. Work not covered in the CYPSP is detailed in Team Business Plans.
5. The CYPSP will deliver the following outcomes for children, young people and families:
 - a) Children and young people are safe.
 - b) Children and young people live fulfilling lives.
 - c) Children and young people are healthy.
 - d) Children and young people reach their potential in education and in other aspects of their lives.
 - e) Children, young people and families are resilient and build their own.
6. The objectives of the CYPSP are:
 - a) To move the balance of our resources towards early intervention and help.
 - b) To help keep children and young people safe and achieve stability.
 - c) To help prepare children and young people for adult life.
 - d) To improve education standards for all children and young people.
 - e) To be a committed and engaged corporate parent.
 - f) To enable children and young people to remain in their family wherever possible.
 - g) To engage children, young people, parents and carers in designing and delivering services.
 - h) To run services effectively using continuous improvement and evidence-based practice.
 - i) To respond to new statutory responsibilities.

Resource implications

7. The activities will be carried out within the resources available to the Portfolio through the Council's Medium Term Planning process or direct Government grant.

Next steps

8. The Children and Young People's Services Resources, Performance and Development Board will be the responsible body to performance manage the CYPSP. It will receive quarterly performance reports and be alerted via exception reporting as and when required.

9. To further develop the Projects, Risks, Targets and Officer Leads of the CYPSP.

Background Papers

- Children and Young People's Services Portfolio Plan 2014/15.