

ESSEX CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN**Agenda Item 6a**

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Background Papers:- Children and Young people's plan year 2 Success
Financial Implications:- Addressed within the plan
Equalities Implications:- Addressed within the plan
Legal Implications:- Addressed within the plan
Options: To adopt the CYPP/ To not adopt the CYPP
Risks: If the CYPP is not adopted Braintree LSP would have difficulty in meeting the LAA2 targets relating to children and young people.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Essex Children and Young People's Plan sets out the aim of improving the lives of all children and young people between the ages of 0-19, young people leaving care aged 20 and over and also young people up to the age of 25 with learning difficulties and disabilities. The Children and Young People's Plan is the main overarching plan for children and young people and is the main vehicle for the delivery of the outcomes for children and young people within the LAA and LAA2.

The plan demonstrates work in all of the five priority outcome areas, supported by the Children Act 2004, and the Every Child Matters agenda, these areas are –

- Be Healthy
- Stay Safe
- Enjoy and Achieve
- Make a Positive Contribution, and
- Achieve Economic Well-being

The plan is delivered locally by Braintree Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP), a partnership of local statutory organisations (including Braintree District Council), with a duty to cooperate under the Children Act 2004, and voluntary organisations providing services to children and young people. This partnership is part of the Children's' Trust approach in Essex.

The full plan can be accessed at -

<http://www.essexcc.gov.uk/vip8/ecc/ECCWebsite/dis/guc.jsp?channelOid=14181&guideOid=60900&guideContentOid=92709>

DECISION

For the Council to adopt the Essex Children and Young People's Plan.

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Each of the priority outcome areas has a number of targets and associated action plans associated with them a number of which will also be mirrored within the Braintree LAA2.

These are –

- Be Healthy

Reduce the percentage of obese children who are between the ages of 5 and 10 years

Reduce the rate of pregnancies under 18 years of age compared with 1998

Reduce substance misuse

Improve children's mental health and emotional well-being

- Stay Safe

Children and young people are kept safe where they are neglected or are caught up in domestic violence

Reduce the number of children and young people who have been the victims of crime and anti-social behaviour e.g. bullying

- Enjoy and Achieve

Raise educational attainment

Raise the achievement levels of children and young people with learning difficulties and disabilities

- Make a Positive Contribution

Increase the confidence and community participation of children and young people through positive play, leisure, cultural, recreational, volunteering and community activities

Reduce offending by increasing positive attitudes and behaviours amongst those at risk of offending or who are offenders

- Achieve Economic Well-being

Increase the number of young people who take a job or stay on in full-time education or in training at 16-18

Increase the percentage of young people leaving care who have accommodation that meets their particular needs.

Locally the plan will be performance managed by the CYPSP who will be responsible for –

- Analysing local data and setting their own priorities within the overall framework of the plan
- Monitoring performance against the priorities of the plan and reporting to the constituent partner agencies and the County CYPSP Board
- Being the first level for identifying strategies for performance improvement.

The Essex Children and Young People's Plan also demonstrates explicit links into the Braintree District Council Corporate Strategy 2008-2012, particularly "Everyone can enjoy a healthy lifestyle" and will therefore contribute to effectively meeting the associated outcomes.

