

Appendix 4

Minutes

Health and Wellbeing Board 19 February 2019

Discussion:

The Deputy Director, Children and Adults Services introduced the report which presented, at Appendix 1, the draft Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) 2019 to 2024. She explained to the Board that the Plan was considered to be a vehicle to maintain Medway's momentum in promoting good practice and ensuring a child focused future for Medway. The Plan focussed on three key outcomes for children and young people, these were: "Thriving in our Community", "A Healthy Start" and "Learning Well". More generally, the Plan took account of the current national picture and evolving local challenges and was split broadly into two sections, namely "what is driving us" and "where we want to be".

The Deputy Director, Children and Adults Services drew the Board's attention to paragraph 4.2 of the report, which set out the proposed reporting lines to the Cabinet and the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee, in addition to the Children and Young People's Strategic Transformation Board, which would champion the Plan.

A Member expressed his support for the Plan and in particular the key themes set out in the section on education. The Member highlighted a series of points for consideration, as follows:

- Referring to page 259 of the agenda (page 25 of the Plan), it was highlighted that the objective "Increase the uptake of high quality early education" was not supported by a specific success factor.
- Referring to page 260 of the agenda (page 26 of the Plan), it was noted that the success factor "Progress 8 score at key stage 4" was a measure of value added by the secondary schools but not a measure of achievement of the education sector.

On this basis, the Deputy Director, Children and Adults Services undertook to review the success factors.

Decision:

The Health and Wellbeing Board:

- a) commented, as set out within the minute, on the draft Medway Children and Young People's Plan set out at Appendix 1 to the report;
- b) noted the planned consultation with children and young people and other stakeholders as outlined in section 5 of the report; and
- c) agreed to add consideration of the final Medway Children and Young People's Plan, post consultation, to the Board's work programme for 2 July 2019.

Discussion:

The Deputy Director introduced the report which set out the draft Children and Young People's Plan, including the key strategic priorities for partnership action to improve outcomes for Medway's children and young people and help them achieve their potential. She highlighted the three key outcomes detailed in the plan, along with key priorities and actions, which were all detailed in the plan, attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

Members then raised a number of questions and comments, which included:

- **Attendance at Children and Family hubs** – in response to a comment made about attendance at the hubs, officers confirmed that work was underway to capture data about attendance and usage of the Children and Family Hubs to measure success.
- **Deliverability of the plan's ambitions** – in response to a concern raised about the deliverability of the aims and priorities in the plan, particularly those relating to 0-5 year olds, the Deputy Director confirmed that the plan was for all partners and that the universal offer was delivered across organisations, including the community and voluntary sector. Signposting to ensure people get the service they need was paramount.
- **Participation of Children and Young People in the Plan** – in response to a question about participation, officers confirmed that this was a draft plan which would be consulted on in a meaningful way and would run for a minimum of six weeks. Officers also undertook to strengthen in the plan the voice of children and young people and its impact.
- **Youth Service Offer** – in response to a question about how young people from low income families could be supported to access and engage in youth services and activities, officers confirmed that the Youth Service was very successful and played a key role in engaging young people and occupying them, which helped prevent them from engaging in gangs and crime. It was added that Looked After Children received free access to leisure centre facilities.
- **Community and Voluntary Sector** – building on from the role the community and voluntary sector play in youth service provision, comment was made about the wide range of support services available in the community and voluntary sector for families, including those more vulnerable or harder to reach communities and it was important to be inclusive with all organisations to work in partnership to deliver the best outcomes for all children and young people.

Decision:

The Committee noted the planned consultation with children and young people and other stakeholders as outlined in section 5 of the report, which would be reported back to the Cabinet when it considers a final CYPP for approval.