

### Minutes from Health and Wellbeing Board

#### Discussion

The Director of People, Children and Adult's services introduced the Plan, which has been based on previous consultation with young people and partners and sets out the vision and priorities of the partnership.

The Board was informed that whilst there was no statutory requirement for a Plan, it was decided that it was necessary given the improvement and transformation journey that was being undertaken in the service.

Members made the following comments:

- The decision to develop a Plan despite not being statutorily required was commended
- Asked how to ensure that the voices of all children in Medway were consulted on as part of the plan and the role services had in this, the Director of People said that the Child Friendly Medway initiative played a major role in capturing the voice of children and young people. Schools also played an instrumental part in capturing the diverse views children
- Asked what assurance could be given to families in Medway given the recent tragic news of the death of a child In Rochdale of respiratory problems as a result of prolonged exposure to household mould. The Head of Strategic Housing said that lessons could be learnt from the recent events. There were 15000 rented homes in the private sector across Medway and the department did not have access to all of them. It was vital that the team continued to try to access homes where issues with damp had been identified in order to provide education on ventilation as well hold landlords to account or deal with issues in public sector housing stock. The challenge was in raising awareness in the community of the support available and accessibility. The Director of People added that there was strong interaction across Medway services and children's social care would continue to pass on any information received to housing as well as public health services.

#### Decision:

The Health and Wellbeing Board noted the report.