

Key Decision Required:	No	In the Forward Plan:	No
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CABINET

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REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR HEALTH AND EDUCATION

A.14 TENDRING CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE STRATEGY 2017 – 2020

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PART 1 – KEY INFORMATION

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To present the updated Tendring Children & Young People's (C&YP) Strategy 2017 – 2020, including the C&YP Partnership Delivery Plan 2017/2018.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Tendring District Council's Corporate Plan 2016-2020 puts Community Leadership at the heart of everything we do and within this context, the children and young people living within our District, their education, safety, health and wellbeing, and raising aspirations continues to be a priority.

In Essex, the overall responsibility and accountability for meeting the needs of children and young people in the area rests with Essex County Council as lead authority. Tendring District Council has an influencing role and can also provide support bringing agencies together.

The Tendring Children & Young People Partnership Delivery Plan 2015/2016 was reviewed at the end of December 2016, and an update provided at the Community Leadership & Partnership Committee in January 2017.

Further work has now been undertaken to research, consult and develop an updated Strategy and Partnership Delivery Plan to reflect the changing priorities and needs within the District. Consultation has included members of the North East Essex Children's Partnership, Tendring Youth Strategy Group, Tendring Community Safety Partnership, Tendring Public Health Officer, as well as consideration of feedback from young people and their views on needs and priorities – Essex Youth Service Young People Consultation 2016.

The revised and updated C&YP Strategy focuses on four priority areas. Progress will only be achieved on these priorities through working in partnership. The role of the Council is to influence and bring partners together to support the delivery of tangible outcomes for the children and young people of Tendring:-

PRIORITIES

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| 1. | Start Well – to continue to support schools in improving and maintaining attainment levels, promoting school readiness, and a positive experience and opportunities through school to allow each child to achieve their full potential |
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2.	Stay Safe – children and young people feeling safe in their community
3.	Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing – enjoying good mental health and wellbeing
4.	Positive Futures - working together with partners to enable families to lift themselves out of poverty, enhance aspirations and provide opportunities for life long wellbeing

At the meeting of the Community Leadership and Partnerships Committee on 2 October 2017, Members considered the draft Tending Children & Young People's (C&YP) Strategy 2017 – 2020, and Partnership Delivery Plan 2017/2018 and provided the following comments to Cabinet:-

- (a) the Committee supports the draft Tending Children & Young People Strategy 2017 – 2020 at Appendix A;
- (b) the Committee supports the draft C&YP Partnership Delivery Plan 2017/2018 at Appendix B in support of the Corporate Plan priorities;
- (c) the Tending Children & Young People Partnership Delivery Plan will be reviewed annually and updates provided to the Community Leadership & Partnerships Committee;
- (d) the Committee would like to express that it has very strong concerns about child poverty in the District and the lack of resources available to support early intervention; and
- (e) the Committee considers that a more in depth and better understanding of the true levels and causes of child poverty in the District is needed. To this end it was agreed to invite the Essex County Council Child Poverty Officer to a future meeting of the Committee together with representatives from other groups addressing child poverty.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that Cabinet:-

- (a) Notes the comments from the Community Leadership & Partnerships Committee;
- (b) approves the Tending Children & Young People Strategy 2017 – 2020 at Appendix A;
- (c) approves the Children and Young People Partnership Delivery Plan 2017/2018 at Appendix B in support of the Corporate Plan priorities;
- (d) agrees that the Tending Children & Young People Partnership Delivery Plan be reviewed annually with updates provided to the Community Leadership & Partnerships Committee.

PART 2 – IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

DELIVERING PRIORITIES

The Council's Corporate Plan 2016-2020 puts Community Leadership at the heart of everything we do, and within that has a focus on education, physical and mental health for the children and young people of Tendring through the following priorities:-

- Facilitate improved qualification and skills attainment
- Enable better job prospects
- Promote healthier lifestyles and wellbeing
- Support improved community health
- Supporting the vulnerable

FINANCE, OTHER RESOURCES AND RISK

Finance and other resources

Most of the projects identified rely on the input of officer time to ensure successful delivery.

Otherwise any costs to support these projects are minimal and will be met from existing budgets.

Risk

There is a limited risk that projects may fail. However, robust project management and good partnership working help to mitigate this.

LEGAL

It is recognised that Tendring District Council does not have specific statutory powers in relation to education and health but through its Community Leadership role does engage with partners in supporting improvements in relation to these areas.

Under Section 21 of the Child Poverty Act 2010, the District Council, acting as a partner authority, has a duty to co-operate with the County Council, being the responsible authority, to reduce child poverty in the local area.

Section 11 of the Children's Act 2004 places duties on the Council to ensure that all internal functions and services that are contracted out to other providers are discharged having regard to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Consideration has been given to the implications of the proposed decision in respect of the following and any significant issues are set out below.

Crime and Disorder / Equality and Diversity / Health Inequalities / Area or Ward affected / Consultation/Public Engagement.

The Strategy and Delivery Plan seek to strengthen the District's response to the needs of Children and Young People and in so doing will respond to the challenges and opportunities at District, Ward and Sub-ward level.

PART 3 – SUPPORTING INFORMATION

BACKGROUND

The Tendring Children and Young People Strategy was produced in 2011 and updated for a five year period and outlined the Council's vision of:

'Helping to provide young people with the tools and opportunities to make positive life choices and to reach their full potential'.

In this respect it focussed on three priorities for the Council with priority four added later:

Priority 1: Child Poverty – Tendring District Council is committed to ensuring children and young people are able to live their lives free from poverty, abuse and discrimination. Tendring District Council is committed to improving the life chances of all and providing support for those you need it; wanting to break the cycles of poverty; remove barriers to work and reduce inequalities.

Priority 2: NEETS (Not in Education, Employment or Training) – Tendring Council is committed to help reduce the high number of young people between who are not in education, employment or training. Tendring Council will work closely with partners to increase opportunities and access to training, education and employment through strategic collaboration, mapping and delivery of appropriate and targeted support.

Priority 3: Safeguarding – Tendring District Council has a statutory duty, to ensure that its functions and any services that are delivered either in house or externally are discharged having regard to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. Children and young people have the right to participate and be safe in the services provided for them.

Priority 4: Education - was added following review and agreement in 2015, to reflect the scale of need locally and the range of partnership working already being undertaken. Also recognising that improving the opportunities for children and young people to achieve their full potential is pivotal to addressing many of the wider issues facing our community.

CURRENT POSITION

The above priorities were reviewed and an update on progress provided to the Community Leadership & Partnerships Committee in January 2017.

The flow chart Ref Appendix B of the Tendring C&YP Strategy 2017-2020, reflects the current Essex Children and Young People strategic priorities (2016), and the links with the Council's current work streams and priorities/challenges.

Community Leadership role – the role of the Council as Community Leader remains the key focus within the Corporate Plan 2016 – 2020 and therefore will remain of primary importance in the delivery of our priorities for the children and young people in the district going forward. In Essex, the overall responsibility and accountability for meeting the needs of children and young people in the area rests with ECC as lead authority.

Delivery Plan - The partnership approach is essential in delivering wide-reaching outcomes as it ensures creative, multi-faceted, longer-lasting solutions. The key therefore is to work with all partners, in particular utilising the skills of the voluntary and community sector, to develop innovative solutions which deliver outcomes in the most cost-effective manner.

In practice this is achieved through:

- Formal partnerships which currently include: Tendring Education Improvement Group, Tendring Health and Wellbeing Board, NEE Children's Partnership Board, Stay Safe and Youth Strategy Groups

The Delivery Plan reflects the partnership working and aims to avoid duplication of provision of services and where possible, includes clear measurable targets.

Governance – As a result of the inclusion of a Delivery Plan with the Strategy in 2015, and this being included within the Strategy update this year. It is important that accountability for delivery continues, and updates on the Delivery Plan 2017/2018 provided to the Community Leadership and Partnerships Committee.

BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR THE DECISION

None

APPENDICES

Appendix A – Tendring Children & Young People Strategy 2017 - 2020

Appendix B - Tendring Children & Young People Partnership Delivery Plan 2017/2018