

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leader and Cabinet

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CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN

Purpose

1. The Children and Young People's Plan for Cambridgeshire is being finalised and this report seeks the Councils approval for the plan.

Effect on Corporate Objectives

2. Quality, Accessible Services	The quality and accessibility of services for children in Cambridgeshire should be enhanced.
Village Life	The aim for children/young people to 'make a positive contribution' should contribute to village life.
Sustainability	-
Partnership	The Children & Young People Plan is being drawn up and will be delivered by a partnership between the County and District Councils with PCT's, the Police and voluntary organisations.

Background

3. A report was presented to Cabinet on 8 December 2005 setting out the legal requirements on the Council to co-operate in the preparation of a Children and Young People's (CYP) Plan. That report detailed the requirements and implications upon this Council.

Considerations

4. The CYP Plan has been developed over the last six months. All the aspects of the draft plan relevant to South Cambs were drawn to Members' attention in the report of 8 December; these aspects are all still included in the final plan. The plan needs to be approved by all the partner agencies including the five District Councils within Cambridgeshire; a copy is enclosed separately with the agenda.

Options

5. The limitation on options was covered in the previous report.

Financial Implications

6. There are no specific financial implications of adopting this plan.

Legal Implications

7. Working in partnership to deliver those aspects of the plan, which are relevant to this Council's service, will fulfil the legal obligations under the Children Act 2004.

Staffing Implications

8. There are no direct staffing implications.

Risk Management Implications

9. The report of 8 December 2005 set out the risks of failing to protect children's welfare, and the measures in the plan to address these risks.

Equal Opportunities Implications

10. In line with our duties under the Race Relations Act 1976 and 2000, the Council operates a Race Equality Scheme (RES). The following services, which are mentioned in the CYP Plan, have also been assessed, via the RES, as being highly relevant to the duty to promote race equality: services to Travellers; Community Safety; and Homelessness and Housing Advice.

Consultations

11. Consultations have been carried out as part of the countywide partnership work on Children and Young People.

Conclusions/Summary

12. The Council needs to "sign off" the attached plan, which is subject only to the finalisation of very minor details, before the implementation date of 1 April 2006.

Recommendations

13. It is recommended that Cabinet adopt the Children and Young People's Plan for Cambridgeshire.

Background Papers: the following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

Report of 8 December 2005, Children's Services: The Contribution of District Councils.

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