

OXFORDSHIRE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN

Summary of Key Issues:

- Oxfordshire's first Children and Young People's Plan is due for refresh in 2010.
- To note that new legislation is due from the DCSF.
- To approve the process for refreshing the plan as outlined in this paper.

The Oxfordshire Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) has been in place since 2006 and is due for a refresh in 2010.

The CYPP is an important element in the reform programme "Every Child Matters" and has been a powerful force in helping drive forward better local integration of children's services in Oxfordshire and across England.

The Department for Children Young People and Families (DCSF) Children's Plan: Building Brighter Futures (www.dcsf.gov.uk/publication/childrensplan) sets out a challenge to make England the best place in the world for children and young people to grow up. This means world class health outcomes, services of the highest quality, minimising inequalities and tackling poverty. The aim of the CYPP is to bring about these ambitions in local areas such as Oxfordshire. By 2010 all areas are expected to have in place consistent and high quality arrangements for prevention, early identification and early intervention to make it easier for parents to support their children's development, raise aspirations and to narrow gaps and improve outcomes for all.

A refreshed CYPP will be essential in helping deliver this vision by describing what improvements will be achieved for children and young people in Oxfordshire and setting out how and when these improvements will be delivered.

Under new legislation, the Children's Trust will be required to agree and deliver the Children and Young People's Plan. Individual organisations will be responsible for implementing their part of the shared plan and the Children's Trust will hold them to account.

Next Steps

At the time of writing this report new legislation is awaited for the rewriting of plans due for refresh from 2009.

However, we can begin the process of reviewing our current plan and completing a needs analysis in advance of receiving this new legislation which will help inform the production of the new CYPP.

To do this, it is recommended that a short life multi-agency group should be formed, reporting to the OCYPT Board on a regular basis.

Once the legislation has been received, this group will be charged, on behalf of the Board, to draft a new Oxfordshire Children and Young People's Plan.

Timescale

January – April 2009: Annual Review of existing CYPP (interim report to Board in March and review to board in May).

April - August 2009: Needs Analysis completed (report to board in June), consultation and preparation of draft plan (draft plan to Board in September prior to period of consultation).

September 2009 – November: consultation period (results of consultation to Board in November).

December 2009 – March 2010: results of consultation and final draft for approval and publishing. January: results of consultation reported to Board. March: final plan approved by Board.

Recommendations

The Board are asked to:

1. Note the requirement to refresh Oxfordshire's Children and Young People's Plan and their role in doing this.
2. Agree the establishment of a "short life" group to manage the task and reporting to the OCYPT Board.

3. Agree the timescales and reporting cycle.

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