

CABINET

27 OCTOBER 2022

WORCESTERSHIRE CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN

Relevant Cabinet Member

Cllr Andy Roberts – Cabinet Member with responsibility for Children & Families

Relevant Chief Officer

Tina Russell – Chief Executive, Worcestershire Children First and Director of Children's Social Care

Recommendation

- 1. The Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Children & Families recommends that Cabinet recommend the Children and Young People's Plan for adoption by the Council.**

Background

2. The Children & Young People's (CYP) Plan (attached at Appendix 1) is a strategic document that underpins the all-age Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (HWS) and provides a framework for operational delivery of the Health & Wellbeing Board's (HWB) priorities for children and young people.
3. The CYP Plan is overseen by the Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP) Board which is a sub-group of the Health & Wellbeing Board (HWB). The CYPSP brings together senior/strategic leaders to take a whole-system response to improving outcomes for children and young people. It reports twice annually to the HWB on activity and progress towards the CYP Plan outcomes. Attached at Appendix 2 – CYPSP Governance diagram.
4. As part of developing the Policy framework, the 2022/24 CYP Plan was endorsed by the HWB at its meeting on [24 May 2022](#) [Appendix 3]. The findings of the Health & Wellbeing Strategy consultation, which influences the CYP Plan, were further discussed and endorsed at a HWB private development session in June 2022. The CYP plan was considered by the Overview & Scrutiny Performance Board (OSPB) on 20 July 2022.

Stakeholder Engagement

5. Initial plans for face-to-face consultation on the new plan were revised due to COVID-19 restrictions. However, partner organisations and the public were able to contribute to the Plan through existing networks and online.
6. Members of the CYPSP identified the priority needs of children and young people from their work with families. These were used to develop questions for use in a public survey which ran from 11 January 2021 to 31 March 2021. The survey was promoted through partnership links with internal and external organisations and

social media communications. A short presentation pack with information about the plan and a link to the survey was developed and shared to support the process.

7. COVID-19 restrictions meant that the survey was carried out online and limitations in the scope of the survey were acknowledged. The majority of respondents to the survey agreed with the priority needs that the CYPSP had identified and felt that these were important to work on to help children and young people in Worcestershire. The top three themes from the survey matched those identified in the initial work to redevelop the Health & Wellbeing Strategy:

- Access to mental health services
- Help to build emotional wellbeing and resilience
- Tackling childhood poverty, especially food and fuel poverty

8. Information from the [Joint Strategic Needs Assessment \(JSNA\) 2021 – Health Impacts of COVID-19](#) (Appendix 4) was also considered, and this highlighted that some children and young people’s mental health and wellbeing had been substantially impacted due to and during the COVID-19 pandemic.

9. The findings of the [Healthwatch Worcestershire COVID-19 Young People’s Emotional Wellbeing Report](#) (Appendix 5) were also taken into account.

Children & Young People’s Strategic Partnership – Partnership Development

10. During 2021, the governance of the CYPSP was reviewed, alongside a review of the HWB governance and subgroup structure, both of which were informed by the development of the Integrated Care System. Four subgroups were identified to have a direct relationship detailed in Appendix 5 - Governance Structure (attached):

- Early Help Partnership (EHP)
- Children & Young People’s Emotional Wellbeing & Mental Health Partnership
- 0-25 SEND & All Age Disability Partnership Board
- Worcestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership (WSCP)

11. The CYPSP sub-group Chairs met to discuss and develop the outcomes and progress measures for the CYP Plan based on the priorities and other data identified in the draft Worcestershire Children & Young People’s Plan 2022-2024.

12. Each subgroup will report to the CYPSP twice a year, on activity and progress towards the CYP Plan outcomes, including performance data and service user feedback.

13. The CYP Plan was presented to the CYPSP board meeting on 21st September. Progress reports were given by subgroup chairs and a baseline agreed for bi-annual measurement of future progress against outcomes.

Overview and Scrutiny

14. The CYP plan was considered by the Overview & Scrutiny Performance Board (OSPB) on 20 July 2022. Comments made by the Board are at appendix 6.

Legal, Financial and HR Implications

15. None

Risk Implications

16. Risk to delivery and consequences

Joint Equality, Public Health, Data Protection and Sustainability Impact Assessments

A **joint impact assessment (JIA)** screening has been completed and did not identify any potential considerations requiring further assessment during implementation.

Supporting Information

Appendix 1 - Worcestershire Children & Young People's Plan 2022-2024

Appendix 2 - CYPSP Governance Diagram

Appendix 3 – [Health & Wellbeing Board 24th May 2022](#)

Appendix 4 - [JSNA Annual Summary 2021- Health Impacts of COVID-19](#)

Appendix 5 - [Healthwatch Worcestershire COVID-19 Young People's Emotional Wellbeing Report](#)

Appendix 6 – Comments from Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board at its meeting on 20 July 2022

Appendix 7 – Joint Impact Assessment Project screening.

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Background Papers

None