



## Health and Wellbeing Board

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<b>Title</b>	<b>Draft Barnet Children and Young People Plan 2019-2023</b>
<b>Report of</b>	Strategic Director – Children and Young People
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## Summary

The new Children and Young People's Plan 2019-2023 establishes the vision, key priorities and outcomes for children and young people in Barnet, providing a strategic framework for partnership activity in the borough.

Barnet is forecast to have the largest number of children of any London borough by 2020. With a large and growing number of children, young people and families, we remain committed to our vision to make Barnet the best place to live for families in London.

The concept of Family Friendly Barnet was introduced in the 2016-2020 plan. This Plan builds on that vision where outcomes and priorities focus on how partners can support families to be resilient and strengthen communities.

The Plan's outcomes and priorities have been informed by our work as a UNICEF UK child-rights partner, engaging with children and young people, parents and carers, and professionals as well as analysis of need from key documents including the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

## **Officers Recommendations**

- 1. That the Health and Wellbeing Board consider and comment on the draft Children and Young People Plan 2019-2023 including the vision and key outcomes**

### **1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED**

- 1.1 Barnet's Children and Young People Plan (CYPP) is a four-year plan setting out priorities to improve outcomes for children and young people in the borough. The plan has been developed by key partners including the council, children and young people, Barnet Borough Police, Barnet Clinical Commissioning Group, schools and the voluntary sector.
- 1.2 Barnet is a key destination for families, with good schools. The borough is forecast to have the largest number of children of any London borough by 2020. Data about the population has informed the Plan with key objectives reflecting the changing demographics
- 1.3 Since the development of the Barnet Children and Young People Plan 2016-2020 there have been significant changes affecting the lives of young people in the borough. These include national policy changes affecting the delivery of essential services and an Ofsted improvement plan to raise standards in social care. The Plan has therefore been developed in response to their changing needs.
- 1.4 Children and young people have been actively engaged in the process through our work within UNICEF UK to embed a child-rights based approach. The Plan places children and young people at the heart of conversations and decisions setting out the framework for good outcomes and success. It has been developed with input from a range of stakeholders that includes children and young people, parents and carers, health, police, voluntary sector, schools and the council enabling joint ownership of outcomes.
- 1.5 The outcomes, objectives and priorities in the Plan focus on supporting families, children and young people to be resilient and strengthen communities.
- 1.6 The plan sets out seven key outcomes for children and young people
  - Safe & Secure - Children and young people are safe and protected from harm
  - Family & Belonging – Families and children can be together and part of a community that encourages resilience
  - Health & Wellbeing - Children are supported to achieve a healthy start in life, enjoy a healthy lifestyle and to build resilience
  - Education & Learning – Children and young people can learn about the world around them
  - Culture – Our attitudes and behaviours enhance the way we work with children and young people
  - Cooperation & Leadership – We include children and young people in decision making

- Communication – Information is shared effectively to children, young people and families across the borough

## **2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 The recommendations in this report have been developed following a consultative process involving a range of stakeholders, as well as a review of quantitative data about the needs of children and young people in Barnet.
- 2.2 The proposals in this report are recommended for further consultation, after which the Council will make a decision to approve the Children and Young People's Plan.

## **3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED**

- 3.1 This is a statutory plan so there is no alternative option

## **4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION**

- 4.1 If the Committee approves the draft's release to public consultation, this will be carried out as described in paragraph 5.9.1
- 4.2 Children and young people will be involved in the look and feel of the final design of the plan
- 4.3 Implementation of the Plan will be monitored through regular reports presented to the Children's Partnership Board. This will enable review and scrutiny and highlight progress against objectives.

## **5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION**

### **5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance**

- 5.1.1 The Children and Young People's Plan will support the Council's corporate priorities as expressed in its draft Corporate plan for 2019-24, which was reviewed by this committee on 29 November 2018 and by Policy and Resources Committee on 11 December 2018. This sets out the vision and strategy for the next five years based on three main outcomes:

- A pleasant, well-maintained borough that we protect and invest in
- Our residents live happy, healthy, independent lives with the most vulnerable protected
- Safe and strong communities where people get along well

### **5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)**

- 5.2.2 The Children and Young People's Plan sets out what all partners will do to improve outcomes for children and young people in Barnet. It has been developed in consultation with service managers and will inform service plans in the council and partner agencies.

- 5.2.3 Council budgets already support key partnerships in Barnet to achieve the desired outcomes in the Children and Young People's Plan. Key partnerships include Barnet Safeguarding Children Board and Health and Wellbeing Board which is supported by a wide variety of council budgets.
- 5.2.4 Any financial implications of the Children and Young People's Plan will be contained within existing budgets.

### **5.3 Social Value**

- 5.3.2 In taking forward the Children and Young People's Plan due regard will be paid to the Social Value Act. The Social Value Act will be a useful tool in ensuring that our activities are embedded in prevention and early intervention. We will seek to look for added value that our partners can bring to deliver desired outcomes.
- 5.3.3 The Public Services (Social Value) Act 2013 requires people who commission public services to think about how they can also secure wider social, economic and environmental benefits. Before commencing a procurement process, commissioners should think about whether the services they are going to buy, or the way they are going to buy them, could secure these benefits for their area or stakeholders.

### **5.4 Legal and Constitutional References**

- 5.4.2 The Children and Young People's Plan (England) Regulations 2005 requires local authorities to prepare, consult upon, publish and review a plan, known as the Children's and Young People's Plan. The plan must set out improvements the authority intends to make in relation to children's wellbeing. The plan shall in particular include a statement on how such improvements are to be made in relation to integration of services, arrangements to safeguard and promote welfare under sS.11 Children Act 2004 and arrangements for early intervention and preventative action, a needs assessment, an outline of key actions, a statement on how the authority's budget will be used and a statement on how the plan relates to overall performance management and review of services for children and young people.
- 5.4.3 The Regulations require that a local authority consults prescribed persons during the preparation of the plan, including children, young people and families and their representatives, diocesan authorities, the voluntary sector, community groups, the local safeguarding children board, partner agencies, schools and the schools forum.
- 5.4.4 Under the Council's Constitution, Article 7, the Health and Wellbeing Board has responsibility for overseeing public health and developing health and social care integration.

### **5.5 Risk Management**

5.5.2 The nature of services provided to children and families by Family Services manage significant levels of risk. An inappropriate response or poor decision making around a case could lead to a significant children's safeguarding incident resulting in significant harm. Good quality early intervention and social care services reduce the likelihood of children suffering harm and increase the likelihood of children developing into successful adults and achieving and succeeding.

## **5.6 Equalities and Diversity**

- 5.6.2 The 2010 Equality Act outlines the provisions of the Public-Sector Equalities Duty which requires Public Bodies to have due regard to the need to:
- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010
  - advance equality of opportunity between people from different groups
  - foster good relations between people from different groups
- 5.6.3 The broad purpose of this duty is to integrate considerations of equality into day business and keep them under review in decision making, the design of policies and the delivery of services.
- 5.6.4 The Plan takes account of the diverse population in Barnet. Information on children and young people relating to gender, disability and ethnicity is set out in the plan and includes the needs of these different groups.

## **5.7 Corporate Parenting**

- 5.7.1 In July 2016, the Government published their Care Leavers' strategy *Keep on Caring* which outlined that the "... [the government] will introduce a set of corporate parenting principles that will require *all departments* within a local authority to recognise their role as corporate parents, encouraging them to look at the services and support that they provide through the lens of what a reasonable parent would do to support their own children.'
- 5.7.2 The corporate parenting principles set out seven principles that local authorities must have regard to when exercising their functions in relation to looked after children and young people, as follows:
1. to act in the best interests, and promote the physical and mental health and well-being, of those children and young people;
  2. to encourage those children and young people to express their views, wishes and feelings;
  3. to take into account the views, wishes and feelings of those children and young people;
  4. to help those children and young people gain access to, and make the best use of, services provided by the local authority and its relevant partners;
  5. to promote high aspirations, and seek to secure the best outcomes, for those children and young people;
  6. for those children and young people to be safe, and for stability in their home

lives, relationships and education or work;

7. to prepare those children and young people for adulthood and independent living.

5.7.3 As part of the development of the Children and Young Peoples Plan and to ensure Barnet has due regard to the Principles and improves on the delivery of corporate parenting to its children in care and care leavers in Barnet:

- An annual report on performance against Barnet's Corporate Parenting Pledge was submitted to the Corporate Parenting Advisory Panel in September 2018. Barnet have committed to supporting children and young people to achieve their best in childhood, adolescence and adulthood within the Corporate Parenting Pledge for children in care and care leavers, as approved by full council on 29 January 2016. The Pledge can be found in section 6.3.
- Provide learning and development for elected members and senior officers to understand their duties and responsibilities to children and care and care leavers and ways in which the Principles can be embedded and sufficient challenge provided regarding work and decisions of the council. A training session was held in May 2018.
- Ensure elected members, senior officers and partners can monitor and challenge the performance of the council and its partner agencies pertaining to consideration of the Principles and outcomes for children in care and care leavers through the appropriate channels. This includes the Children, Education and Safeguarding Committee (bi-monthly), Corporate Parenting Advisory (quarterly) Panel and Corporate Parenting Officers' Group (monthly).

## 5.8 Consultation and Engagement

- 5.8.1 Consultation workshops took place with partners, children and young people, parents and carers, whose feedback also informed the development of the draft Plan.
- 5.8.2 If the draft Plan is approved formal public consultation will commence following CES Committee on the 16 January 2019 before the final Plan is agreed.
- 5.8.3 This draft document will have its final design stage in January to ensure it meets corporate design guidance, before the consultation starts.
- 5.8.4 The consultation will run for eight weeks and will consist of an online consultation - published on Engage Barnet which will include a link to the full strategy and a consultation document which summarise the strategy and key questions. Residents will be able to give their views via an online questionnaire. Alternative formats will also be made available on request.

## 5.9 Insight

- 5.9.1 In developing the Children and Young People Plan the council has drawn on insight from the 'Profile of Children and Young People in Barnet', and the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment - which both provided data to support identification of key areas of need across the borough.

## **6 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

6.1 None

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