



BARNET CHILDREN'S PARTNERSHIP BOARD

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Title	COVID-19 Family Services All About Me Recovery Strategy
Report of	Executive Director, Children Services, London Borough of Barnet
Wards	All
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Urgent	No
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Enclosures	Appendix A - COVID-19 Family Services All About Me Recovery Strategy
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Summary

The All About Me Recovery Strategy sets out the strategic intentions for service delivery as restrictions are eased and enter a new operating model. Including what services and practice will be restored and what will be retained because of a positive impact during P1 business continuity practices. It sets out a 5-stage recovery plan for each service area within Family Services.

- Safeguarding
- Corporate Parenting
- 0-25 Disability Service
- Clinical Service
- Support Services and Commissioning
- Libraries

- Education and Partnerships
- Schools including early years setting, primary, secondary and special.

Officers Recommendations

- 1. The Barnet Children's Partnership Board is asked to note and provide comments on the COVID-19 Family Services All About Me Recovery Strategy.**

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

1.1 The Children and Young People's Partnership Board remains the strategic body with responsibility for the delivery of Family Friendly across the Council and wider partnership. The partnership is responsible for ensuring that new policy, strategy and service developments are designed to deliver Family Friendly outcomes.

The All About Me Recovery Strategy document sets out our strategic intentions to support children and families to flourish and for services to deliver in a new state of "normal" within a family friendly council.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Children's Partnership Board is responsible for ensuring all strategies are designed to deliver Family Friendly outcomes and are therefore asked to review and provide comments on the attached strategy.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

3.1 Not applicable.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 The Family Friendly corporate recovery priority will be delivered through the recovery plans and strategic recovery intentions as set out in the strategy documents. Monitoring will be carried out by Family Services SLT, which will act as the Family Friendly Recovery Steering Group.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

5.1.1 The strategy supports the corporate and committee aims to:

- Meet the priorities in the Children & Young People's Plan
- Jointly develop, deliver and resource strategies and actions plans necessary to meet the priorities

- Addressing barriers to meeting the priorities and identifying future needs, including communication, information and data sharing.
- Monitoring performance towards agreed outcomes and taking remedial action where necessary.

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

5.2.1 As outlined in Appendix A

5.3 **Social Value**

5.3.1 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**

5.4.1 Local authorities have specific duties in respect of children under various legislation including the Children Act 1989 and Children Act 2004. They have a general duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in need in their area and, if this is consistent with the child's safety and welfare, to promote the upbringing of such children by their families by providing services appropriate to the child's needs. They also have a duty to promote the upbringing of such children by their families, by providing services appropriate to the child's needs, provided this is consistent with the child's safety and welfare. They should do this in partnership with parents, in a way that is sensitive to the child's race, religion, culture and language and that, where practicable, takes account of the child's wishes and feelings.

5.4.2 As outlined in the Barnet Children's Partnership Board Terms of Reference, Council's Constitution Article 7 – The board is responsible for reviewing summary updates and signing off all agreed Plans and Strategies relating to Children and Young People in Barnet prior to presentation to executive groups (e.g. CELS, H&WBB)

5.4.3

5.5 **Risk Management**

5.5.1 Risks associated with delivery of the Family Service's Recovery Plans, and the Strategic Intentions will be added to the existing Family services risk register under Family Friendly risks and monitored through the SLT steering group. Risks associated with the Greenspaces workstream will be documented in the Greenspaces & Leisure Recovery Programme documentation, to avoid duplication, and shared with the Family Friendly Steering Group (SLT).

5.6 **Equalities and Diversity**

5.6.1 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.

5.7 Corporate Parenting

5.7.1 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; to promote high aspirations, and seek to secure the best outcomes, for those children and young people;
- 5 for those children and young people to be safe, and for stability in their home lives, relationships and education or work; and;
6. to prepare those children and young people for adulthood and independent living.