

# PEOPLE (CHILDREN) SCRUTINY PANEL

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## CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES PLAN

Report of the Strategic Director for People

STRATEGIC AIM:	<b>Creating a Brighter Future for All</b>
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### 1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to present a working draft of the Children, Young People's and Families Plan 2012-15 attached as Appendix A.

### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **Members of Scrutiny are asked to discuss the draft plan and comment on the contents.**

### 3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 It is no longer a requirement for a Local authority to produce a Children's Plan. However, the members of the Rutland Children's Trust Board wanted to maintain a strong focus on the needs of children and agreed that a plan was a good mechanism for this to take place. In addition and to ensure a wider, more appropriate focus the scope of the plan now includes families.

- 3.2 The themes for the plan are:

- i. Keep children and young people safe
- ii. Reduce inequalities
- iii. Early intervention and targeted support
- iv. Improve the health and wellbeing of children and young people

- 3.3 We have identified a number of priorities for action; these are agreed each year, and will change as actions are reviewed:

1. Implement the Families First in Rutland Strategy; through integrated working and implementation of the Common Assessment Framework
2. Promote the effective participation in Education, Employment and/or Training of all 16-18 year olds through Raising of the Participation Age (RPA)
3. Reducing achievement gap at all key stages - championing children and young people's to meet their full potential
4. Reduce Child Poverty Strategy in Rutland
5. Increase engagement and participation of young people in decision making processes that influence their communities and empower young people to be active citizens.

6. Provide a holistic offer of recreational and learning opportunities that enhance young people’s social, emotional, health and personal development outside of the school curriculum.

3.4 The draft plan was discussed by the Children’s Trust Board and a number of requests for change were made. These have not yet been included:

- The focus on Safeguarding needs to be emphasised through a single page summary that outlines the key issues and actions;
- Think Family needs to have a higher profile within the Families First strategy
- Employment should be referenced as a key aim to enable those caught in poverty to progress.

#### 4. RISK MANAGEMENT

RISK	IMPACT	COMMENTS
Time	Low	Timescales within the plan have been agreed by all partners.
Viability	Low	This is a strategic plan and all partners have signed up to delivery.
Finance	Medium	All partners have committed to ensure budgets are available to resource agreed priorities. For the People Directorate, budgets are already aligned to the identified priorities.
Profile	High	This is the main plan for delivering services to children, young people and their families in Rutland
Equality and Diversity	Low	Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) will be completed when the plan is approved.

**Background Papers**  
None

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