

CABINET

21 December 2021

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Education and Children's Services

Strategic Aim:	Protecting the vulnerable	
Key Decision: Yes	Forward Plan Reference: FP/191121	
Exempt Information	No	
Cabinet Member(s) Responsible:	Cllr D Wilby, Portfolio Holder for Education and Children's Services	
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Ward Councillors	N/A	

DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That Cabinet:

1. Recommends to Council to approve the Children and Young People's Plan and Strategy 2022-25

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To share the revised Children and Young People's Plan and Strategy 2022-25 (Appendices A and B), and gain Cabinet approval.
- 1.2 Further to seek Cabinet approval for recommending the Children and Young People's Plan and Strategy 2022-25 to Council.

2 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 2.1 The Children and Young People's Plan and Strategy 2022-25 set out the strategic aims of children's services for the next three years. This strategy has been developed with the Rutland Children and Young People Partnership who, collectively, are responsible for the delivery of key services for children, young people and families in the County. The strategy reflects our shared commitment to further develop our partnership practice, to increase integration of services where it makes sense to do so and to strengthen joint accountability for improving outcomes for local young people.

- 2.2 Our vision remains the same - **For all children and young people in Rutland to be happy, safe and successful. They will be supported and empowered to be the best they can be.**
- 2.3 However our guiding principles in reviewing the plan and strategy have been developed and articulated more clearly to reflect the impact Covid has had on how we are delivering services now and the lives and needs of children and families and wider services.
- 2.4 It is further informed by the financial impact on the Council and the need to be more targeted with our resources.
- 2.5 This is a Partnership Plan and has sign up from all key partners.

3 CONSULTATION

- 3.1 The Children and Young People's plan was informed through a range of workshops and surveys designed to capture the views of staff, partner agencies, residents and families accessing support services.
- 3.2 Co-design sessions began in February 2021 running until the end of July and included three workshops with Children's Services staff, two workshops with our Children and Young Peoples Partnership, a session with all schools and early years settings, a families survey and a week of targeted consultation with residents through the Future Rutland conversation.
- 3.3 Feedback included:
- "I believe that long term planning and investment is vital to help families who need support. Money invested now pays off many-fold over the decades."
 - "work collaboratively with partner agencies to find the best solution and assist in providing it."
 - "The more early help that can be provided, the greater chance of avoiding it escalating to serious safeguarding."
- 3.4 Children and young people shared their views using a series of specially designed surveys, open forums and live discussion events.
- 3.5 A workshop with Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee took place on 24 June 2021 and comments from this session have been incorporated into the strategy.
- 3.6 The information gathered from the above consultation was utilised to inform the aims and objectives outlined within the plan and reflects what matters most to our partners and families in Rutland.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 None identified.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None identified - the plan is delivered within the children's services budget.

6 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 The Council is under an obligation to agree a Children and Young People's Plan under the Children and Young People's Plan (England) Regulations 2005.
- 6.2 As such this is part of the Council's Policy Framework and needs to be agreed by Cabinet and full Council.

7 DATA PROTECTION IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 A Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIA) has not been completed.

8 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 8.1 An Equality Impact Assessment has not been completed as it is not deemed relevant to this report.

9 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 None identified.

10 HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 There are no health and wellbeing implications arising from this report. It is intended that the aims of the Children and Young People's Plan and Strategy 2022-25 will enhance the experience of children and families accessing children's services across the partnership and create the conditions for children to experience safe and successful lives.

11 CONCLUSION AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 11.1 It is recommended that Cabinet recommends to Council to approve the Children and Young People's Plan and Strategy 2022-25.

12 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 12.1 No additional background papers.

13 APPENDICES

- 13.1 Appendix A – Rutland Children and Young People's Strategy 2022-25
- 13.2 Appendix B - Children and Young People's Plan 2022-25

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