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Summary

This report presents the final draft of the City of London Corporation’s *Children and Young People’s Plan (CYPP) 2018–21* for approval, subsequent to the public consultation period.

The *CYPP 2018–21* will provide the strategic direction and guide services and activities for children, young people and families in the City over the next three years. This report outlines the main points of the *CYPP 2018–21* and summarises how it will be delivered and governed.

Members are asked to:

- Approve the *CYPP 2018–21* set out in Appendix 1.

Main Report

Background

1. The *CYPP* is the overarching strategic document that guides services and activities for children, young people and families in the City of London. It outlines the values and principles that guide our work, our vision for children and young people, and how we intend to achieve it. This is a partnership document that enables us to deliver our services and activities in synergy and contribute to improved outcomes.

Current Position

2. The *CYPP 2018–21* outlines:
 - what the issues are for our children and young people
 - how we plan to address them
 - what we hope to achieve.
3. To develop this draft plan, we engaged with children and young people at schools and youth clubs, and with those who care and provide for young people. We used this local intelligence, together with other data, to determine the plan’s vision and priorities.

4. The draft *CYPP* was out for a six-week public consultation from 26 January until 12 March 2018. A web page was developed which included a link to the full draft plan, a summary of the plan and the link to a survey asking respondents whether the plan was clear and if they agreed with the building blocks for success. It also included a comments section on each priority. The consultation was circulated widely to stakeholders, including young people, their families, health services, the City & Hackney Safeguarding Children Board and education providers.
5. The consultation found that most respondents agreed with the building blocks to success and the five priorities. Appendix 2 (attached) summarises the consultation responses. The key changes following the consultation period are to:
 - include the importance of green space for mental health and our ambition to increase green infrastructure
 - further emphasise the importance of co-production in our service delivery
 - include information on how we work in partnership with other boroughs and our ambition to strengthen partnership working
 - mention the importance of music, arts and sports to contribute to development and achievement
 - include further information on the Culture Mile Learning team's plans for children and young people.
6. The final draft of the plan presented in this report takes into account the suggestions made by children, young people and their guardians and stakeholders during the consultation period.

CYPP 2018–21

7. Vision:

We want the City of London to be the best place possible for children and young people to grow up. We will work in partnership to provide a safe, inclusive and supportive environment where all our children and young people – regardless of background and circumstance – feel they belong. We will provide high-quality services, world-class education and excellent opportunities that enable children and young people to live healthily, develop resilience, achieve their potential and thrive.

8. Building blocks to success:

These are the principles and behaviours that guide our decisions and underpin how we deliver services:

- Collaborative partnership working
- Children and young people at the heart of everything we do
- Skilled and suitable workforce
- Open communication
- Outcomes and impact focus.

9. **Priorities:**

We have five priorities that we will deliver to achieve our vision:

- **Safe**
Our children and young people are safe and feel safe.
- **Potential**
Our children and young people have equal opportunities to enrich their lives and are well prepared to achieve in adulthood.
- **Independence, involvement and choice**
Our children and young people are co-producers of cultural and support services and they will have the resources to develop independence and the empowerment to play an active role in their communities and exercise choice over their services.
- **Health and wellbeing**
Our children and young people enjoy good health and wellbeing.
- **Community**
Our children and young people grow up with a sense of belonging as part of cohesive and resilient communities. They are able to create and participate in the cultural and creative opportunities available in the Square Mile.

Next Steps

10. The final plan will be sent for approval to the Summit group on 27 March 2018 and the Community and Children's Services Committee on 13 April 2018.
11. This *CYPP 2018–21* will be supported by a detailed delivery plan with clear and measurable actions and indicators for each priority. The plan will be governed by the Children's Executive Board (CEB) which will receive regular update reports to monitor progress and assess impact against the *CYPP's* objectives.

Corporate, Strategic and Health Implications

12. This plan contributes to the delivery of the *Corporate Plan 2018–23* by committing to delivering a safe and supportive environment where all children and young people are provided with excellent opportunities and are able to thrive. The *CYPP 2018–21* impacts on the following outcomes of the Corporate Plan:
 - Outcome 1: People are safe and feel safe
 - Outcome 2: People enjoy good health and wellbeing
 - Outcome 3: People have equal opportunities to enrich their lives and reach their full potential

- Outcome 4: Communities are cohesive and have the facilities they need.

13. This plan sits below the Department of Community and Children's Service (DCCS) business plan. It contributes to the plan's delivery by mirroring its five priorities and applying them to the specific needs of our population of children and young people.

14. This plan also supports the delivery of a number of other DCCS strategic priorities:

- Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy – All children have the best start in life
- Education Strategy – Develop excellent employment opportunities and pathways
- Mental Health Strategy – Improve the mental health of people in the City and keep people well.

15. There is a broad range of work being delivered across the City of London Corporation to support and improve outcomes for children and young people across London and the UK. Not all of this is included within the *CYPP* which is focused on children and young people who live and learn in the Square Mile. Therefore, the Corporate Strategy and Performance Team and DCCS are in discussion about the scope and possibility of a separate corporate strategy that covers all that the City of London Corporation can do to support children and young people across the City, London and the UK.

Conclusion

16. The *CYPP* is the overarching strategic document that guides services and activities for children, young people and families in the City of London. It outlines the values and principles that guide our work, our vision for children and young people, and how we intend to achieve it. This is a partnership document that enables us to deliver our services and activities in synergy and contribute to improved outcomes. This report asks members to approve the *CYPP 2018–21*.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – *Children and Young People's Plan 2018–21*
- Appendix 2 – Consultation Responses
- Appendix 3 – *CYPP* Equalities Test of Relevance

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