

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Dated:</b>
Community and Children's Services Committee	10 July 2015
<b>Subject:</b> The City of London Corporation Children and Young People's Plan 2015–18	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> The Director of Community and Children's Services	<b>For Decision</b>

### Summary

This report presents the City of London Corporation Children and Young People's Plan 2015–18.

The plan is shaped through extensive consultation, engagement with and involvement of external agencies and partners, children, young people and their families.

The vision for children, young people and their families and carers in the City is for:

***“A safe, engaged and integrated community that enables all children and young people to achieve their full potential”***

The plan outlines shared partnership commitments and anticipated outcomes that will emerge as a result of the work delivered around four priority areas:

*Priority 1: Close the gap for vulnerable groups*

*Priority 2: Close the gap in outcomes for children, young people and families based on their localities*

*Priority 3: Ensure that children and young people are well prepared to achieve in adulthood through high quality learning and development*

*Priority 4: Improve physical and emotional health and wellbeing from conception to birth and throughout life*

An implementation plan, performance framework and process map will be developed to determine performance and reporting frameworks and processes to ensure regular, scheduled information flows to the Children's Executive Board.

### Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

- Endorse the City of London Corporation Children and Young People's Plan 2015–18 as set out in Appendix 1.

## **Main Report**

### **Background**

1. At its meeting on 5 September 2014, the Children's Executive Board (CEB) agreed to review the City of London Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) (2012–15) and accompanying governance arrangements.
2. The CEB agreed that the process for completing this task should be overseen by the Assistant Director (People) with support from the Department of Community and Children's Services Policy Team to co-ordinate the engagement of partners and to draft the plan and new governance arrangements.
3. Subsequently, a task and finish group ("CYPP Project Board") overseen by the Assistant Director (People) was established, to support the editorial and sign-off process for the new Plan. This multi-agency partnership and cross-sector body brought together the key organisations delivering services to children and young people in the City; for example, health organisations, police, schools and colleges and voluntary organisations.
4. Additionally, extensive consultation took place to develop the plan, its vision and priorities. This included a consultation event on 27 February 2015, attended by over 40 representatives from key agencies and sectors across the City.
5. The views of the City's looked after children and other young people in the City, gathered through an event organised by the City Gateway, were also central to shaping this Plan.
6. Feedback from the consultation is outlined within the Plan in the section entitled "*You told us*".
7. This Plan also takes into account analysis and forecast modelling of the demographic, economic and social profile of the City alongside an assessment of achievements to help determine areas for further development.
8. National priorities and new statutory requirements around the safeguarding and protection of children and young people are a paramount theme throughout the Plan.
9. The Plan has also received and incorporated the views of the CEB.

### **Current Position**

10. This report presents the City of London Corporation new Children and Young People's Plan 2015–18 and associated governance arrangements that will sit in parallel with this new plan. The plan is Appendix 1 to this report.
11. The new plan covers a three-year time period from 2015 to 2018. This is sufficient to provide long-term commitment to delivering services for children and young people, but provides enough scope to incorporate any future work.

12. The Plan considers the services for and the needs of every child, across a whole continuum such as education, health and leisure, the services for and needs of children who may need additional help with attendance, behaviour, health, education difficulties, and services for and needs of the small number of children with complex needs such as children in care or those with disabilities.

### **The vision, priorities and governance structures**

13. Through analysis of the consultation and quantitative information above, the Plan sets out the vision for children, young people and their families and carers in the City and outlines shared partnership commitments and anticipated outcomes that will emerge as a result of the work delivered.

14. The new Plan articulates a vision for:

***“A safe, engaged and integrated community that enables all children and young people to achieve their full potential”***

15. The underlying theme is to consider a whole lifestyle approach encompassing health, education and leisure from birth to adulthood. Key to achieving success will be a cross-sector, cross-directorate collaboration.

16. Four key areas were identified for improvement and these were developed into four priorities, clarifying what the City wants to achieve and how it will be evident that a positive difference has been made to achieve the vision set out above. These four priorities are:

*Priority 1: Close the gap for vulnerable groups*

*Priority 2: Close the gap in outcomes for children, young people and families based on their localities*

*Priority 3: Ensure that children and young people are well prepared to achieve in adulthood through high quality learning and development*

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17. Due to the high profile and strengthened requirement to safeguard and protect children and young people, safeguarding and early help are headlined as a separate underlying theme.

### **Governance infrastructure arrangements**

18. The new Plan will be owned and overseen by the Children’s Executive Board. Implementation and delivery will be assured through the plethora of partnerships and sub-groups already formed and which fit into the Plan’s priority areas.

19. An implementation plan, performance framework and process map will determine performance and reporting frameworks and processes to ensure regular, scheduled information flows to the CEB.

## Options

20. Although statutory regulations were revoked in October 2012, and local areas are now no longer required to prepare this plan, the City has made the decision to review and refresh its current plan, to ensure that the work of the CEB continues to meet the needs of the City community.
  
21. Through extensive consultation, engagement, involvement and ongoing conversation, children, young people and their families have contributed to and influenced the development of the Plan and its success, and will continue to do so.

## Corporate & Strategic Implications

22. The Plan is aligned to the work of key strategic partnerships and structures within the Corporation, including the multi-agency Health and Wellbeing Board and the City and Hackney Children's Safeguarding Board.
  
23. The new CYPP supports the delivery of the Department of Community and Children's Services Business Plan (2014–17) and the achievement of the overall vision for the department to ensure:

***“A positive impact to the lives of all our services users by working together with each other and our partners to provide outstanding services that meet their needs”***

This Plan also supports the vision of the City of London Corporate Plan:

***“To make a positive impact on the lives of all our service users by working together with each other and our partners, to provide outstanding services that meet their needs”***

The Plan supports the vision of the City's Education Strategy:

***“To educate and inspire children and young people to achieve their full potential”***

## Implications

24. The resource implications of this report are as set out in the 2014-15 budget and contain no additional requirements.

## **Conclusion**

25. The implementation of the Children and Young People's Plan will support the City's ambition for all children and young people to achieve their full potential in all areas of their lives.

## **Appendices**

- Appendix 1 – The City of London Corporation Children and Young People's Plan 2015–18

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