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REPORT TO:	CABINET 29 APRIL 2013
AGENDA ITEM:	10
SUBJECT:	Children and Young People's Plan Refresh for 2013-16
LEAD OFFICER:	Paul Greenhalgh, Executive Director Children, Families and Learning
CABINET MEMBER:	Councillor Tim Pollard, Deputy Leader (Communications) & Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Learning
WARDS:	All
CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT: Children and Families	
FINANCIAL IMPACT: There are no revenue or capital consequences resulting from accepting the recommendations of this report.	
FORWARD PLAN KEY DECISION REFERENCE NO.: This is not an executive key decision – this is reserved to the full Council for decision as part of the policy framework	

The Leader of the Council has delegated to the Cabinet the power to make the decision set out in the recommendation below

1. RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 The Cabinet is asked to recommend that Council agree the refresh of the Croydon Children and Young People's plan for 2013-16.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Children and Young People Plan is the umbrella plan for work with children and young people in Croydon over the next year. Whilst the plan is no longer a statutory requirement, Croydon Children and Families Partnership has chosen to continue to have a Children and Young People Plan as a way of ensuring that all agencies are jointly focussed on achieving our high aspirations for the children and young people of Croydon. The needs analysis and sub group

action plans contribute to the Council meeting its statutory equality responsibilities in relation to children and families.

3 DETAIL

- 3.1 This plan was developed by the Croydon Children and Families Partnership. Members of the Partnership include Croydon Council, Health agencies, the Police, the Voluntary Sector, the Fire Service, Croydon early years centres, schools and colleges and the Croydon Youth Council. It was informed by a comprehensive needs analysis which was used by the Partnership sub groups to identify priorities for 2013-14. A summary of the needs analysis forms part of the plan.
- 3.2 The needs analysis resulted in the identification of priorities for the next year, which are summarised in section 4 of the plan. The priorities are set out for each of the partnership sub-groups. The sub-groups are arranged in line with the Every Child Matters outcomes areas, in addition to some more cross-cutting groups. Section 5 of the plan sets out the high level action plan for each of the sub-groups of the partnership. A mid-year refresh of the action plans will take place to take account of changing circumstances. The Youth Council has arranged its business using the Every Child Matters sub-groups, which therefore parallel the sub-group arrangements for the Children and Family Partnership, thus facilitating young people's involvement in the further development and delivery of the action plans.
- 3.3 The revised Croydon Children and Young People's plan for 2013-16 can be found on-line as part of the Cabinet agenda for Monday 29 April 2013 at: <https://secure.croydon.gov.uk/akscroydon/users/public/admin/kabmenu.pl>
- 3.4 Other agencies that make up the Children and Families Partnership have been asked to take the plan through the governance arrangements for their agency, to ensure that all agencies have adopted and demonstrated commitment to the plan.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 All agencies involved in the Children and Families Partnership were consulted and involved in the development of the plan. The Croydon Youth Council were consulted on the priorities for 2013-14 and their views have informed the final set. Section 4 of the plan shows the summary of priorities and indicates in italic the priorities that the Youth Council identified.

5 FINANCIAL AND RISK ASSESSMENT CONSIDERATIONS

- 5.1 There are no direct revenue or capital consequences resulting from accepting the recommendations of this report.

2 The effect of the decision

The implementation of any activities from the plan will need to be funded from within the existing service budgets.

3 Risks

Not applicable.

4 Options

Not applicable.

5 Future savings/efficiencies

Not applicable.

Approved by: Lisa Taylor – Head of Finance Children, Families and Learning

6. COMMENTS OF THE COUNCIL SOLICITOR AND MONITORING OFFICER

- 6.1 The Solicitor to the Council comments that as stated in the report, the 2010 Children and Young People's Plan regulations have been revoked and local areas are no longer required to prepare this plan. Local partnerships are free to publish their own strategic plan as they see fit and there is no prescribed format, matters to be dealt with, timing or who to consult during the preparation of the plan.

Approved by J Harris Baker, head of social care and education law on behalf of the Director of Democratic and legal services.

7. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPACT

- 7.1 There are no human resources implications arising from this report.
- 7.2 Approved by: Atia Williams on behalf of the Director of Workforce & Community Relations

8. EQUALITIES IMPACT

- 8.1 An equality impact assessment for the development and oversight of the plan has been appended to this report. The needs analysis and sub group action plans contribute to the Council meeting its statutory equality responsibilities in relation to children and families.

9. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPACT

- 9.1 This plan has no direct impact on crime and disorder reduction.

10. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS/PROPOSED DECISION

- 10.1 Whilst the plan is no longer a statutory requirement, Croydon Children and Families Partnership has chosen to continue to have a Children and Young People Plan as a way of ensuring that all agencies are jointly focussed on achieving our high aspirations for the children and young people of Croydon. The needs analysis and sub group action plans contribute to the Council meeting its statutory equality responsibilities in relation to children and families.

11. OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Not applicable

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The following appendices can be found on-line as part of the Cabinet agenda for Monday 29 April 2013 at:

<https://secure.croydon.gov.uk/akscroydon/users/public/admin/kabmenu.pl>

Appendix 1: Children and Young People's Plan – refresh 2013 to 2016

Appendix 2: Action plans

Appendix 3: Equality impact assessment

Hard copies of these appendices will be available in the Members' Room.

Background documents:

Previous Children and Young People's Plan

<http://www.croydon.gov.uk/contents/departments/healthsocial/pdf/ccfp-plan-2012-15>