

<b>5 November 2013</b>		<b>ITEM 5</b>
<b>Children's Services Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee</b>		
<b>Children and Young People Partnership progress report 2013-2014</b>		
<b>Report of:</b> Carmel Littleton – Chair Children and Young Person Partnership Board		
<b>Wards and communities affected:</b> ALL	<b>Key Decision:</b> N/A	
<b>Accountable Head of Service:</b> All Childrens Services		
<b>Accountable Director:</b> Carmel Littleton – Director of Children's Services		
<b>This report is Public</b>		
<b>Purpose of Report:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To provide an overview of the progress of the CYPP plan</li> <li>• To enable the Committee to have the opportunity to make comment</li> </ul>		

### Executive Summary

The Health and Wellbeing Board strategy sets out those services for children that will be managed through the Children and Young People Partnership (CYPP). The CYPP has developed its three year plan which will be implemented through one year delivery plans in support of the health and wellbeing vision of “every child has the best possible start in life”

The four over arching priorities agreed to achieve our ambitions for Children and Young People in Thurrock 2013-2016 are:-

- Outstanding universal services and outcomes
- Parental, Family and Community Resilience
- Everyone Succeeding
- Protection When Needed

Each of the four priorities has below it three objectives, which set out where we are now, where we want to be in 2016, and the milestones that we need to achieve in order to reach our ambition. This report provides details of the initial progress against those priorities for the first six months of the year one delivery plan and highlights some of the early work undertaken and the pace of change affecting children's services in delivering better outcomes for children and young people in Thurrock.

In order to meet its responsibilities a refresh of the structure and governance of the Partnership has taken place. A copy of the refreshed structure is attached. (Appendix 1)

A copy of the CYPP plan 2013- 2014 is also attached to provide further detailed information for the committee on progress to date. (Appendix 2)

**1. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1.1 The Committee note progress made on the children and young persons plan.**
- 1.2 That the Committee provide comment on the report.**

**2. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

- 2.1** The Children and Young People Partnership delivery plan spans the three year strategy of the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 2.2** The Children’s plan has a number of objectives scheduled for completion within the first year and other objectives that span the full period of the current three year strategy.
- 2.3** This report covers the first six month period and early stages of the 2013-2016 delivery plan.
- 2.4** Each objective is governed through one of the CYPP partnership groups whom report progress to the CYPP Executive and Board.
- 2.5** At the Children’s Partnership Executive meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2013 it was agreed by the Director of Children’s Services to proceed to a refreshed approach to the structure and governance process for the Thurrock Children and Young People Partnership.
- 2.6** Over the last year there have been a number of significant changes that have impacted the Children’s Partnership world. National and local guidance as well as some high profile cases of child sexual exploitation has raised the awareness and expectations on the safeguarding elements in the public domain. Ofsted’s approach to future inspections has shifted direction and the desire to attain higher achievement in education will pose its own challenges. The new approaches and structure of the health services are just being embedded. Along side these challenges is the need for greater efficiency and making sure we make the best use of all our resources.
- 2.7** There have been a number of new strategies, policies and procedures implemented during this reporting period in children’s services. New meeting forums have emerged and some of the existing meetings needed to adjust to meet new demands to make sure that the Children’s Partnership is fit for

purpose to meet the needs of Thurrock children. As a result some of the tasks have been reviewed and refreshed timeframes identified to ensure they meet the changing dynamics of children's services.

### 3. ISSUES AND/OR OPTIONS:

3.1 The progress made within the plan supports of the Health and Wellbeing vision of "every child has the best possible start in life"

3.2 This section highlights some of the key activities and outcomes achieved within the first six months of the plan.

### 3.3 Outstanding universal services and outcomes

The three priorities within this element include:

- **Raise attainment at the end of all key stages with a particular focus on Early Years Foundation Stage, Key Stage One and Key Stage Two.**

Progress to date:

An Education commission has been implemented to examine and support our challenge of raising attainment. We have just received the final report (September 2013) from which a series of learning outcomes have been identified.

Our childcare sufficiency plan has not only delivered but exceeded its target providing in excess of 400 places now available. Further updates on academic achievements will be included in the next report once details of the pending examination results are known.

Remaining activities within this objective area are ongoing or not yet started and will be reported on in later progress reports.

- **Promote and improve the health and well-being of children and young people.**

Progress to date:

**Active Essex** - Work with the Director of the County Sports Partnership is underway to secure support through provision of a development worker for sports and physical activity in Thurrock and also around the Primary School sport premium. Further exploration is now needed on how we develop this role working with children's and school colleagues. Active Essex have proposed match funding for this role and further meetings will develop the requirements of the role to ensure that priorities in Thurrock are met.

#### **Eat Better, Start Better**

The Public Health team have linked with the Learning and Skills team to deliver the Eat Better Start Better programme in Thurrock- a two-year programme to improve food provision for children aged 1-5 in early years

settings. The main element of the programme is a comprehensive food, nutrition & cooking training package. The project aims are:

- Improved, healthier food provision for children aged 1-5 in early years settings and at home
- Increased food, nutrition and healthy cooking knowledge and skills for the early years and childcare workforce
- Increased food and nutrition knowledge and practical cooking skills for parents and families

The project was completed at the end of September and we are currently awaiting the final report and recommendations which will be evaluated by the Children's Food Trust and reported back to the Council and Children's Partnership and posted on the DFE website.

Remaining activities within this objective area are ongoing or not yet started and will be reported on in later progress reports.

- **Ensure progression routes to higher level qualifications and employment.**

Progress to date:

Analysis of sector based skills shortage has taken place and being used to inform programme planning. Remaining activities within this objective area are ongoing or not yet started and will be reported on in later progress reports.

### 3.4 Parental, Family and Community Resilience

The three priorities within this element include:

- **Early offer of Help.**

Progress to date:

All commissioned Early Offer of Help services are in place. The changes to locality teams and the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) process have been delayed in agreement with the Early Offer of Help Board to enable partners to integrate into the process. A Children's Partnership Stakeholder Event was held on the 9<sup>th</sup> October on the MASH process to provide partners the opportunity to shape the design and working practices for Thurrock. The revised go live date for the MASH is April 2014

The Troubled Families Programme has met its targets for 2012/13 and is currently on target to support 180 families during this year.

Remaining activities within this objective area are ongoing or not yet started and will be reported on in later progress reports.

- **Mitigate the impact of child poverty.**

Progress to date:

Provision of Emergency Living fund vouchers through children's centres and joint promotion of money advice services.

Family intervention scheme delivering a targeted outreach programme for those digitally excluded. A child poverty checklist has been developed with implementation planned for October 2013.

Remaining activities within this objective area are ongoing or not yet started and will be reported on in later progress reports.

- **Strengthened Communities.**

Progress to date:

South Ockendon hub now fully implemented with over (16,000) visitors having already made use of the facility with a range of teams in place including a peer support programme.

Remaining activities within this objective area are ongoing or not yet started and will be reported on in later progress reports.

### 3.5 **Everyone Succeeding**

The three priorities within the element include:

- **Promote the attainment and achievement of under-achieving children.**

Progress to date:

Tuition has been provided for all year 11's that required it. Review undertaken of pupil premium impact across Thurrock schools.

Remaining activities within this objective area are ongoing or not yet started and will be reported on in later progress reports.

- **Promote and support inclusion.**

Progress to date:

All children's centres are offering a range of activities and joint delivery groups for children at risk of development delay across the borough.

Community profiles and baseline data on access of children's centres is in place.

Remaining activities within this objective area are ongoing or not yet started and will be reported on in later progress reports.

- **Narrow health inequalities for children and young people.**

Progress to date:

Joint work is ongoing between the early offer of help and public health on increasing vaccinations. The early offer of help service provision is at an early stage.

Remaining activities within this objective area are ongoing or not yet started and will be reported on in later progress reports.

### 3.6 Protection When Needed

The three priorities within the element include:

- **Provide outstanding services for children who have been or may be abused.**

Progress to date:

The Troubled Families Programme has met its targets for 2012/13 and is currently on target to support 180 families during this year. The first payment by results claim has been submitted.

The Violence against Women and Girls Implementation Plan has been completed with the initial focus on Education, Health and Housing. A new governance group combining activities from across the Children's Partnership and Community Safety Partnership has its initial meeting set for November.

The development of the Child Sexual Exploitation strategy has taken place.

Remaining activities within this objective area are ongoing or not yet started and will be reported on in later progress reports.

- **Providing outstanding services to the most vulnerable children and young people.**

Progress to date:

Programme of targeted activity in place at Grangewaters with referrals being received from the Multi-agency (MAGS) panel. Troubled Families Programme providing support and information through delivery of its service.

Tender process underway to commission short break services for disabled children.

Work in progress in developing a new parent's participation forum.

Remaining activities within this objective area are ongoing or not yet started and will be reported on in later progress reports.

- **Provide outstanding services for children in care and leaving care.**

Progress to date:

There are currently 86 foster careers in Thurrock of which 16 are able to provide therapeutic foster care. The aim is to have 120 and regular recruitment events are held throughout the borough. A review has been commissioned of placements and local foster care provision.

Remaining activities within this objective area are ongoing or not yet started and will be reported on in later progress reports.

#### **4. CONSULTATION**

N/A

#### **5. IMPACT ON CORPORATE POLICIES, PRIORITIES, PERFORMANCE AND COMMUNITY IMPACT**

N/A

#### **6. IMPLICATIONS**

##### **6.1 FINANCIAL**

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Funding of the work of the Children's Partnership and its activities is conducted through partner's contributions.

##### **6.2 LEGAL**

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There are no direct Legal implications.

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There are no direct diversity or equality implications. The Children's Partnership plan aims to improve services for all children and young people in Thurrock.

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS USE IN PREPARING THIS REPORT**

2013/16 Children and Young People Partnership Plan

### **APPENDICES TO THIS REPORT**

- Appendix 1 – Refreshed Children's Partnership Structure Chart
- Appendix 2 – CYPP Plan for 2013-14

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