



Report to Cabinet

Subject: Nottinghamshire Children & Young People's Plan 2006-2007

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1. Purpose of the Report

To inform members about the Nottinghamshire Children and Young People's Plan 2006-2007.

2. Background

The Nottinghamshire Children and Young People's Plan 2006-2007 has been produced by Nottinghamshire County Council via the Nottinghamshire Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership in response to the Children Act 2004, which places a duty on the County Council to publish such a plan. All district Children and Young People's Groups have been consulted on the plan and have set priorities for their own areas. In Gedling this took the form of a Partnership Event held on 8 May 2006. A wide range of partners took part in the event, including Elected Members, Social Services, Education, Primary Care Trust and the Police.

3. The Nottinghamshire Children and Young People's Plan

The Nottinghamshire Children and Young People's Plan is the first single, overarching plan for all children and young people receiving services provided by Local Authority's and all other providers of children's services. The plan covers all children aged 0 to 19 years receiving services, including care leavers and young people over 19 and under 25 with learning difficulties.

It is therefore an important element of the reforms underpinned by the Children Act 2004, supporting more integrated and effective systems to secure the

outcomes for children, which are set out in the guidance 'Every Child Matters – Change for Children' and reflected in the act.

These outcomes for the key focus for the plan and are set out below:

- Being Healthy;
- Staying Safe;
- Enjoying and Achieving;
- Making a positive contribution, and;
- Experiencing economic well-being.

The plan sets out a vision and priorities for services during 2006 – 2007, identifying where outcomes need to be improved and how this will be achieved. During this year Nottinghamshire County Council will be working with partners to make these improvements, monitoring and reviewing progress in preparation for a full three year plan which will commence in April 2007.

A multi-agency steering group has been responsible for the shaping and preparation of the plan, ensuring the necessary needs assessment data was collated and the carrying out of extensive consultation with children, young people and their families, stakeholders and Local Strategic Partnership Groups.

The priorities in the plan are therefore based on:-

- The views of parents, children and young people;
- The Nottinghamshire County Council Annual Performance Assessment (APA) Self assessment;
- Local Strategic Partnership priorities for children and young people;
- Existing strategies and plan across children's services, and;
- The Local Area Agreement (LAA) stakeholder's conferences and the resulting Children's Block of the LAA.

A copy of the plan can be found at Appendix 1.

4. Priorities for Gedling

The Gedling Children and Young People's Group has been established as a sub-group of the Local Strategic Partnership. This group has developed a set of priorities for Gedling via the stakeholder event previously mentioned in this report.

The plan states:

“As a new group, we are planning how we will work together to:

- Make sure that parents, carers, children and young people are part of planning;
- Support families with advice about healthy food and exercise;
- Work with young people and families to make our communities safer;
- Help children and young people to do the best they can both in school and other activities;
- Work together to involve young people in the life of their community and improve their image, and;
- Make sure the new Children’s Centres support families to gain confidence as parents and to work or study.”

(Nottinghamshire Children and Young Peoples Plan:2006)

Further work will now be carried out by the group to develop an action plan and performance monitoring mechanism. The inaugural meeting of this group will take place on 20 September 2006.

5. Proposals

It is proposed that the Cabinet note the Nottinghamshire Children and Young People’s Plan and the priorities for Gedling contained in that plan.

5. Recommendation

To recommend that the Cabinet note the Nottinghamshire Children and Young People’s Plan and the priorities for Gedling contained in that plan.