

# Meeting: Overview Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee

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**Service:** Health, Education, Care and Safeguarding

**Wards affected:** All

## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with an outline of the strategic priorities and key actions contained within the draft Children and Young People's Plan 2021-2025, and provide an opportunity for the Committee to comment on the development of the plan.

## 2. Recommendations

2.1 The committee is recommended to

2.1.1 Consider the draft Children and Young People's Plan 2021–2025 and provide comments and/or recommendations to help contribute to and, shape the final plan, as part of a wider engagement plan.

2.1.2 Note the final plan will be brought back to the Committee on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, ahead of Cabinet and Full Council during February and March 2021.

## 3. Background

3.1 The North Tyneside Children and Young People's Plan 2021-2025 is developed and owned by the Children and Young People's Partnership, which is part of the North Tyneside Strategic Partnership. The partnership brings together public, voluntary and community sector organisations to improve the lives of the borough's children and young people.

3.2 The 2021-2025 plan is the third Children and Young People's Plan that the partnership has produced. The previous Children and Young People's Plan 2014-2018 has underpinned the delivery of key success and significant service developments and improvements, which include:

- Children's services were judged Outstanding by Ofsted in March 2020, noting that "strategic partnerships are mature, well-developed and highly effective"
- Continuing to successfully deliver the Troubled Families programme in North Tyneside, successfully 'turning around' 1,500 families, demonstrating improved outcomes across a range of indicators

- Entering into a long-term, strategic partnership with Barnardos to develop new and innovative solutions supporting children and young people's emotional wellbeing and mental health
- Establishment of schools-led, peer-to-peer, exclusion panels, as part of a borough-wide Keeping Children in School programme, which have contributed to improved exclusion and attendance rates
- Multi-agency Keeping Families Connected service, funded by the Department for Education innovation funding, has effectively supported a reduction in entries to care, stabilisation of existing placements, and reunification where possible.

3.3 Despite the many significant achievements that the partnership has delivered in recent years, there remain many challenges that the partnership continues to be focused on. Alongside the changing need and demand that the partnership expects as a result of the impact of Covid-19, the Authority's understanding of its challenges and what is important to children and young people have informed the priorities and actions set out in the plan.

#### **4. Priorities for 2021-25**

4.1 The draft of the Children and Young People's Plan 2021-25 is appended for the Committee's information and consideration.

4.2 The priorities and deliverables set out in the draft plan are aligned to the five strategic outcomes that the partnership is focused on, based on what children and young people have told us are important to them, which are:

##### **Outcome 1: I am Safe**

Priority 1.1: Ensure children and young people are living safely

##### **Outcome 2: I am Healthy**

Priority 2.1: Support children to have a healthy early childhood

##### **Outcome 3: I have Opportunities**

Priority 3.1: Narrow the gap in educational outcomes

Priority 3.2: Ensure the right support for children and young people with disabilities and additional needs

##### **Outcome 4: I have a Voice**

Priority 4.1: Support children to be active citizens

##### **Outcome 5: I am Happy**

Priority 5.1: Develop resilience, confidence and independence in children and young people

4.3 The draft plan and its priorities have been developed through engagement with partners represented at the children and young people's partnership, including schools, North Tyneside Clinical Commissioning Group, Northumbria Police, Northumbria Healthcare Trust, and voluntary and community sector organisations.

4.4 The implementation of the plan will be overseen by the Children and Young People's Partnership Board and the other boards and groups that sit underneath it, including:

- Safeguarding Executive Group
- Strategic SEND Board
- SEND Youth Forum
- Children in Care Council
- Youth Council
- CYP Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Board

4.5 Cabinet agreed the initial proposals for the plan in December 2020 and the final plan is scheduled to be considered by Cabinet in February 2021 and Council in March 2021, following further consideration at the Committee on 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

## **5. Background Information**

5.1 The following documents have been used in the compilation of this report

- (1) [2014-18 Children and Young People's Plan](#)
- (2) [2020-24 Our North Tyneside Plan](#)
- (3) [North Tyneside Council Constitution: Part 4.7 Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules](#)
- (4) [The Children and Young People's Plan \(England\) Regulations 2005](#)
- (5) [Cabinet meeting 30 November 2020](#)
- (6) Draft 2021 – 2025 Children and Young Peoples Plan (appendix)