



## **Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

13 July 2010

### **Report from the Director of Children and Families**

For Information

Wards Affected:  
ALL

## **Review of Children and Young People's Plan (2009-2011)**

### **1.0 Summary**

- 1.1 Brent's second Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) was published in May 2009. The CYPP (2009-11) is a strategic document setting out the vision and priorities of the local Children's Trust, Brent Children's Partnership (BCP), for the delivery of services to children and young people in Brent.
- 1.2 Progress of the CYPP to date has been monitored by BCP, using quarterly and annual performance reports comprising national and local indicators. An annual assessment of needs and continuous listening to service users and carers through various forum such as Brent Youth Parliament has also informed performance monitoring of the actions and indicators contained in the CYPP.
- 1.3 The review has focused on progress against the priorities based on:
  - key developments that form the delivery mechanisms for the actions contained in the CYPP
  - the four strategic priorities set out in the CYPP
  - Inspection information including; Ofsted annual review ( December 2009)
  - The unannounced inspection of the Local Authority Contact, Assessment and Referral Centres for children's social care ( November 2009)
  - the IDEA safeguarding children peer review (May 2010)

### **2.0 Recommendation**

- 2.1 Members of the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee are requested to note the progress that has been made against the priorities and actions set out in the CYPP in the first year of a two year plan

### **3.0 Detail**

- 3.1 The 2009-10 review and refresh of Brent's CYPP 2009-11 is a succinct summary of progress against the priorities and actions, which is appended to this report.

#### **4.0 Financial Implications**

- 4.1 There are no direct financial resource implications arising from the review of the CYPP.

#### **5.0 Legal Implications**

- 5.1 The content and context of both the CYPP and the governance and accountability arrangements supporting Brent's Children's Trust (Brent Children's Partnership) are underpinned by the legislative requirements of the Children Act (2004), Education and Inspections Act (2006) and the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning (ASCL) Act 2009.
- 5.2 The ASCL Act (2009) amends the Children Act (2004) in relation to Children's Trust arrangements and regulations supporting the preparation of CYPPs. The responsibility for producing, monitoring and reviewing the CYPP transfers from the Local Authority to the Children's Trust Board from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010. All Children's Trust Boards are required to publish a new CYPP before or on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 to fulfil the new statutory guidance relating to Children's Trust arrangements and the CYPP that are contained in the ASCL Act (2009).

#### **6.0 Diversity Implications**

- 6.1 The Brent CYPP is reflective of our diverse community and therefore ensures that the priorities encapsulate these diverse needs. The plan further seeks to redress issues of equality to ensure that the needs of vulnerable children and young people are equally considered.
- 6.2 An Equality Impact Assessment was completed as part of the original CYPP (page 58 and 59) this also applies to the review. There is no adverse impact on any specific groups of people as a result of the CYPP review.

#### **7.0 Staffing / Accommodation Implications (if appropriate)**

- 7.1 There are no staffing or accommodation implications arising from the review of Brent's CYPP.

#### **Background Papers**

1. Brent's CYPP 2009-11
2. 2010 CYPP Review and Refresh - appended

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