



# Health and Wellbeing Together

22 January 2020

<b>Report title</b>	Growing Well: Children and Families Together Board Contribution to Delivery of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy	
<b>Cabinet member with lead responsibility</b>	Councillor John Reynolds Children and Young People	
<b>Wards affected</b>	All wards	
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<b>Report to be considered by</b>	Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing Chair's Briefing	

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## Recommendations for decision:

Health and Wellbeing Together is recommended to:

1. Agree to endorse the City Co-production Charter for children and young people
2. Agree to promote the Charter in their respective organisations
3. Agree to support a joint launch event on 27 January 2020 for the Co-production Charter and Youth Engagement Strategy #YES.

## Recommendations for noting:

Health and Wellbeing Together is asked to note:

1. The refreshed Children, Young People and Families Plan (2015-2025)
2. The outcome and recommendations of the Youth Engagement Strategy #YES

## **1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1 To provide Health and Wellbeing Together with an update on the activity taking place under the umbrella of the Children and Families Together Board to provide assurance to the Health and Wellbeing Together membership that the 'Growing Well' priority areas it has identified as of strategic importance to the City are being appropriately addressed.

## **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 The Children and Families Together Board is where senior representatives of key City partner organisations meet to provide system leadership with the aim of driving improvements in the outcomes for children, young people and their families. It is responsible for the delivery of Wolverhampton's Children, Young People and Families Plan (2015-2025).
- 2.2 The Children and Families Together Board is a sub-board of Health and Wellbeing Together and reports into Health and Wellbeing Together on shared priorities and key performance indicators related to the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2018-2023, with a particular emphasis on the 'Growing Well' priority areas for the City.

## **3.0 Wolverhampton's Children, Young People and Families Plan (2015-25) mid-cycle refresh**

- 3.1 The Children and Families Together Board (CFTB) undertook an annual performance review in May 2019 incorporating a review of the Children, Young People and Families Plan 2015-2025, which is approaching the halfway point in its life cycle.
- 3.2 This refreshed plan (Appendix 1) was approved by the CFTB in June 2019. It sets out the priorities for the board for the next five years and recognises the progress made in the last five years, since the plan was first launched.
- 3.3 The refreshed Children, Young People and Families Plan is thematically presented across three thematic strategic priority areas:
- Family strength and resilience: Improving support to families that need it so that they can access it at the right time to prevent problems escalating and enable them to move on from difficulty.
  - Education, learning and opportunity: Improving achievement and involvement in education, training and employment, ensuring young children get the best start in life and young people can realise their aspirations.
  - Health and wellbeing: Improving the health and wellbeing of children, young people and families, with a particular focus on addressing health inequalities.
- 3.4 The CFTB also recognises that specific groups of children in the City experience disadvantage and this negatively impacts on each of these domains. All board partners are therefore committed to a multi-agency and targeted approach to tackle the causes

and effects of disadvantage in all activity taken to address its overarching strategic priorities.

- 3.5 The refreshed Children, Young People and Families Plan is the vehicle through which the Children and Families Together Board actively contributes to the delivery of the Growing Well theme of the Health and Wellbeing Together Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.<sup>1</sup>
- 3.6 CFTB meetings alternate a spotlight on the thematic strategic priority areas in the board plan and a quarterly performance dashboard monitors progress against agreed indicators, including those related to early years and children and young people's mental wellbeing and resilience, both of which have been identified as of strategic importance in the Health and Wellbeing Together in the delivery of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

#### **4.0 Co-production Charter and Wolverhampton Youth Engagement Strategy #YES**

- 4.1 The refreshed Children, Young People and Families Plan has also provided an opportunity for the CFTB membership to recommit to working with children, young people, families and all stakeholders to co-design and co-produce solutions to create an environment in Wolverhampton where children, young people and families are resilient, happy and healthy.
- 4.2 The October meeting of the CFTB endorsed a Co-production Charter (Appendix 2), developed with co-production champions made up of young people and families, as well as representatives of organisations from across the CFTB membership. The charter recognises that the views of children and young people and their families, should be central to the way local authorities, health services and other public sector bodies plan, deliver and review their services and ensure support and provision is sufficient to meet children, young people and families' needs within available funding.
- 4.3 It recognises that effective co-production should lead to a better fit between a family's needs, creating services and support that work for the people they are designed for higher satisfaction, reduced costs in the longer term and better value for money.
- 4.4 The City's commitment to restorative practice also supports the delivery of the Co-production Charter and development of co-production practice, which at its heart is the principle of working with children, young people and families and doing "nothing about me without me".
- 4.5 There are two types of co-production:
- Individual – where young people and their families are part of discussions and decisions about their individual support and about local provision. That children young people and their families participate as fully as possible in decisions and are

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<sup>1</sup> <http://wellbeingwolves.co.uk/pdf/Joint%20H&W%20Strategy%202018-23.pdf>

provided with the information and support necessary to enable participation in those decisions and to help them achieve the best possible outcomes.

- Strategic – this recognises that at a strategic level, partners should involve children young people and their families in commissioning decisions, to give useful insight into how to improve services and outcomes and develop effective ways of harnessing the views of the local communities so that commissioning decisions on services are shaped by user experience, ambitions and expectations.

- 4.6 An example of this approach in action was the youth engagement consultation that took place over the summer of 2019. Over 1,600 responses were collated with responses collected from parents/ carers of children growing up in Wolverhampton and young people from the City. This also included commissioned providers collating views of 258 young people on 31 occasions at 27 different locations. Creative feedback was encouraged, and a local artist and the music school worked with groups of young people with to interpret and present the feedback in meaningful and engaging way.
- 4.7 Following the consultation children and young people have worked in conjunction with council officers and other stakeholders to use the findings to inform the development of the CFTB Youth Engagement Strategy #YES. This is summarised on a 'plan on a page' (Appendix 3).
- 4.8 The Youth Engagement Strategy also identifies a series of recommendations to be considered by the City of Wolverhampton Council at the meeting of Cabinet on 22 January 2020:
- a. build on and embed the good practice developed in the Co-production Charter by bringing together coproduction activity under one umbrella and create a coproduction hub for children and young people with a dedicated team
  - b. work in partnership with local providers to continue offering coordinated holiday provision with the branding WV Holiday Squad and to have a dedicated website
  - c. have detached/outreach youth work operating throughout the year
- 4.9 The youth engagement consultation also highlighted the views, experiences and concerns of young people in relation to mental and emotional health and resilience. On-going work is taking place to develop a new emotional wellbeing service for children and young people, with strategic oversight provided by the CFTB.
- 4.10 On 27 January 2020 a joint launch event of the Co-production Charter and CFTB Youth Engagement Strategy #YES will take place. Representatives from the Health and Wellbeing Together membership organisations are invited to attend.

## **5.0 Financial implications**

- 5.1 Any costs associated with the updated Children, Young People and Families Plan 2015-2025 and the outcome measures and key priority areas for the next 12 months will be contained within the overall approved budget for Children's Services of £51.5 million.
- 5.2 Any costs associated with the Co-Production Charter will either be funded from within the approved budget for 2019-2020 for Corporate Parenting of £156,000 within the Children and Young People in Care Service or the Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Management and Commissioning Budget of £220,000 which is held within the Special Educational Needs Service.  
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## **6.0 Legal implications**

- 6.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.  
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## **6.0 Equalities implications**

- 6.1 A consideration of equalities is embedded within the refreshed Children, Young People and Families Plan 2015-2025, a key element of which is reducing inequalities and widening inclusion.
- 6.2 The aim of co-production is to mitigate against inequalities in service delivery.

## **7.0 Climate change and environmental implications**

- 7.1 There are no direct climate change and environmental implications arising from this report.

## **8.0 Human resources implications**

- 8.1 There are no direct human resources implications arising from this report.

## **9.0 Corporate Landlord implications**

- 9.1 There are no direct Corporate Landlord implications arising from this report.

## **10.0 Health and wellbeing implications**

- 10.1 Health and wellbeing of children, young people and their families is an integral part of the Children, Young People and Families Plan 2015-2025, which includes a specific health and wellbeing theme.
- 10.2 Findings from the 2019 youth engagement consultation include reference to health and wellbeing and will be used to inform the implementation of the Youth Engagement Strategy #YES.

## **10.0 Schedule of background papers**

10.1 There are no background papers.

## **11.0 Appendices**

11.1 Appendix 1: Refreshed Children, Young People and Families Plan

11.2 Appendix 2: Co-production Charter for Children and Young People

11.3 Appendix 3: #YES Plan on a Page