

**Report of the Cabinet Member for Services for Children & Young People**

**Council – 15 December 2016**

**REPORT ON THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP PLAN FOR SWANSEA**

<b>Purpose:</b>	The report presents a strategic partnership response for delivering priorities for Children and Young People in Swansea
<b>Policy Framework:</b>	The Children Act 2004 The Children and Young People's Plan (Wales) Regulations 2007 The Children & Families (Wales) Measure (2010). The Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act (2015)
<b>Reason for Decision:</b>	The Statutory Guidance for Part 4 of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 outlines the collective role for public service boards. The Statutory Duties which can be discharged via a Local Well-being Plan are outlined in Annex A. In terms of Children and Young People Annex A outlines the legislation, duty, planning requirements and partners. The development of a Children and Young People Strategic Partnership Plan will meet the Statutory Duty and feed into the development of a Local Well-Being Plan.
<b>Consultation:</b>	Legal, Finance and Access to Services, Corporate Management Team, Children & Young People Partnership Board and Children & Young People.
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>	It is recommended that:  1) that the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Plan and Action Plan be noted.
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## **1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 The Statutory Guidance for Part 4 of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 outlines the collective role for public service boards. Annex A outlines the Statutory Duties which can be discharged via a Local Well-being Plan in terms of Children and Young People.
- 1.2 The development of a Children and Young People Strategic Partnership Plan will meet the Statutory Duty and feed into the development of the Local Well-Being Plan.
- 1.3 As outlined in the Children and Young People Strategic Partnership Plan an action plan will be compiled to assess the work undertaken and the way the Strategic Plan is being implemented across the Partnership and its impact on children and young people.

## **2.0 Partnership Plan**

- 2.1 The Children and Young Peoples Strategic Partnership Plan can be found under Appendix 1.
- 2.2 The strategic plan covers;
  - Our partnership vision and aspiration for children and young people in Swansea
  - Our commitment to Child Rights and the involvement and engagement of children and young people
  - How we have taken a whole Council approach to embedding Child Rights
  - The process undertaken and links to other areas of work
  - The four strategic objectives
  - Governance
- 2.3 The Action Plan outlining the detail in delivering the Children and Young Peoples Strategic Partnership Plan can be found under Appendix 2.

## **3.0 Equality and Engagement Implications**

- 3.1 The Children and Young People's Rights Partnership plan has been designed around a framework of the 4 guiding principles of the UNCRC and has intrinsic links between the protected characteristics outlined in the Equality Act.
- 3.2 There are 42 articles that make up the UNCRC; however the 4 guiding principle articles that represent the underlying requirement for all rights in the convention to be realised by children and young people.
- 3.3 The new Children and Young Peoples Strategic Partnership Plan is designed around Article 2 - Non-discrimination, Article 3 - Best interests of the child, Article 6 - Survival and development and Article 12 – Participation.

## **4.0 Financial Implications**

- 4.1 Whilst there are no immediate financial implications arising from this report, it should be assumed that any resultant future spending needs will need be contained within existing budget provision and have full and due regard to the budget principles set out in 'Sustainable Swansea – Fit for the Future', the medium term financial plan and the likely levels of future budgets.

## **5.0 Legal Implications**

- 5.1 There are no legal implications over and above those contained in Annex A of the Statutory Guidance on the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

### **Appendices:**

Appendix 1 – Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership Plan

Appendix 2 – Children & Young People's Partnership Action Plan