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WINCHESTER DISTRICT CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S PARTNERSHIP –
PROGRESS & ACTION PLAN

REPORT OF HEAD OF PARTNERSHIPS & COMMUNICATIONS

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RECENT REFERENCES:

None.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is two-fold:-

1. To update Members on steps taken to ensure the Council meets its statutory obligations under the terms of the Children Act 2004 with particular reference to work progressed through the Winchester District Children and Young People Partnership.
2. To present the Winchester District Children and Young People's Action Plan 2008 – 2011 and to seek Cabinet support for the City Council's contribution towards the delivery of aims set out in the plan.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1 That Cabinet endorses the Winchester District Children and Young People's Action Plan 2008 – 2011 as shown at Appendix A.
- 2 That Cabinet supports the active contribution by the City Council to achievement of aims within the Winchester District Children and Young People's Partnership Action Plan shown at Appendix A through the provision of staff time and consideration of the allocation of resources through the budget setting process for 2009/10.

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DETAIL:

1 Introduction

- 1.1 This report informs Cabinet of the City Council's statutory obligations and responsibilities under 'Every Child Matters' and the Children Act 2004 and recommends adoption of the Winchester District Children & Young People's Partnership Action Plan 2008 – 2011 shown at Appendix A.
- 1.2 The report also updates Members on the significant progress made over the past year in developing a robust 'joined up' partnership approach to delivery against the five key outcomes for all children and young people in the district:-
 - **Be Healthy** – enjoying good physical and mental health and living a healthy lifestyle.
 - **Stay Safe** – being protected from harm and neglect and growing up able to look after themselves.
 - **Enjoy and Achieve** – getting the most out of life and developing broad skills for adulthood.
 - **Make a Positive Contribution** – developing the skills and attitudes to contribute to the community and society in which they live.
 - **Achieve Economic Wellbeing** – not being prevented by economic disadvantage/circumstances from achieving their full potential in life.

2 Background

- 2.1 In order to appreciate the importance of the City Council's contribution to the children and young people agenda it is important to understand the national context and legislative framework.
- 2.2 The Lord Laming enquiry following the tragic case of Victoria Climbié concluded that:-

"the wellbeing and safety of children cannot be achieved by one agency acting alone....." and that ".....too many enquiries have had to be held following terrible harm to children.....I hope this report will be the last".

What made the case even more tragic was the fact that inter-agency co-operation and joint working had clearly not improved since the Maria Caldwell case in the mid 1970s. Lord Laming concluded that a fundamental change in the system was required and made a number of recommendations to Government setting out what those changes should be. These subsequently found their way into the national policy framework via the Green Paper 'Every Child Matters' (ECM).

- 2.3 ECM prompted an unprecedented debate about services for children and young people and their families. It is in essence a radical change programme which sets out a brand new vision for the delivery of services to children and young people from 0 – 19 years (age range can extend to 25 in certain circumstances – e.g. care leavers, special needs) in **an area** within the context of the five key outcomes shown in paragraph 1.2 above. The five outcomes were identified through research with professionals and consultation with children and young people who felt that they were important to their overall feeling of '**wellbeing**' – all are inter-related to a greater or lesser extent.
- 2.4 The legislative framework for ECM is provided by 'The Children Act 2004'. The Act requires local agencies in an area to provide **integrated services** that are directed by an integrated strategy with children and young people at the centre. From a City Council perspective sections 10 and 11 of the Act are of particular importance. Section 10 of the Act gives the top tier authority (i.e. Hampshire County Council) a duty to promote inter-agency partnership working and co-operation between named agencies which includes all district and borough councils. These agencies are bound by a new **reciprocal duty to co-operate** with the lead authority and to work together to achieve better outcomes. The City Council also has important statutory obligations under section 11 of the Act including the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and to ensure that any services contracted out to others are also provided having regard to that need.
- 2.5 The issue of children and young people is also a concern at the international level too. Members may well be aware of the UNICEF report 'An Overview of Child Wellbeing in Rich Countries' which was published in February 2007. Countries were scored against a series of 'dimensions' (material wellbeing, health and safety, education, peer and family relationships, behaviours and risks and young people's subjective sense of their own wellbeing) which together contribute to overall wellbeing. Out of the main cohort of 21 countries the UK came 21st in the overall rank – even allowing a margin of error for data discrepancies, the UK fared spectacularly badly.
- 2.6 A few highlights from the report relating to the UK include:-
 - 17% of children in families with less than 50% of average income - (note: over 1,800 children in the Winchester District are living in poverty).

- 9% reporting fewer than 10 books in the home.
- 35% of UK 15 year olds expect to find low-skilled work (18% in Poland).
- Nearly 40% of 15 year olds admitted to having sex; teenage birth rates only higher in New Zealand and the US.
- 17% of 11, 13 and 15 year olds in single parent families; 7% in Italy, 7.5% in Greece.
- Over 90% of 15 year olds in Italy, Iceland and France eat the main meal with their parents; 66% in the UK.
- Nearly 90% of parents in Italy and Hungary spend time 'just talking' to their children several times a week; 60% in UK, 40% in Germany.
- UK came 16/21 for percentage of young people who judged themselves above the middle of the life satisfaction scale – declines markedly in girls in the teenage years, less so for boys.
- Bottom of the list for alcohol abuse and being drunk.

In response Professor Al Aynsley-Green, the Children's Commissioner for England, said that "we are turning out a generation of young people who are unhappy, unhealthy, engaging in risky behaviour, who have poor relationships with their families and peers, who have low expectations and don't feel safe". He also said "there is a crisis at the heart of our society and we must not continue to ignore the impact of our attitudes towards children and young people and the effect that this has on their wellbeing".

- 2.7 In June 2007, UNICEF sponsored a major conference in Oxfordshire to consider the UK response to the report. This resulted in the 'Ditchley Declaration', a punchy statement on a couple of sides of A4 shown at Appendix B.
- 2.8 Just before the end of 2007, the National Children's Plan was published by Government with the strapline 'building brighter futures'. For the first time the plan brings together at national level all policy related to the 0 – 19s within a timeframe to 2020. It is built around five key principles:-
- Government does not bring up children – parents do.
 - **All** children have the potential to succeed.
 - Children and young people need to **enjoy** their childhood.
 - Services need to be shaped by and responsive to children and young people and their families.

- It is always better to prevent failure than tackle a crisis later.

2.9 The plan is set out under a set of key themes:-

- **Happy and Healthy** – securing the wellbeing and health of children and young people. This focuses on advice and support for parents, support for young carers and further help for families with disabled children. It pledges significant funding for children's play ('Playbuilder' funding), promises a National Play Strategy (summer 2008) and a Child Health Strategy (spring 2008 – delayed until the autumn), and pledges to halve child poverty by 2010 and eradicate completely by 2020.
- **Safe and Sound** – safeguarding the young and vulnerable. Government will be encouraging local authorities to introduce 20 mph zones where appropriate. It also proposes a proportionate approach to health and safety to allow children to take risks while staying safe.
- **Excellence and Equity** – unlocking the potential of every child and achieving world class standards. Mainly concerned with individual progress and in closing the gap in educational achievement for disadvantaged children.
- **Leadership and Collaboration** – system reform and development of world class teaching workforce.
- **Staying On** – ensure that young people are participating and achieving their potential to 18 and beyond.
- **On the Right Track** – keeping children and young people on the path to success. The focus of this theme is enabling young people to take part in positive activities and improved support for young offenders. It places significant emphasis on ensuring young people have 'places to go and things to do' and promises funding over the next 3 years to improve the quality and range of places ('Myplace' funding).
- **Making it Happen** – vision for 21st century children's services. Proposes a major push to strengthen integrated working across all services.

3 What's been happening in Hampshire?

- ### 3.1
- HCC has taken a number of major steps over the past three years to ensure it is able to meet its statutory and moral obligations to children and young people and their families in the county, the most significant of which was the appointment of John Coughlan as Director of Children's Services in August 2005, and the creation of a new fully integrated Department of Children's Services bringing together more than 23,000 staff from a range of professional disciplines. All managers are now appointed and reorganised around area and district council boundaries, complementing those of Adult Services and Hampshire PCT.

- 3.2 The Hampshire Children and Young People's Partnership Management Board has been established under the Children's Trust arrangements with representation from a range of key strategic partners including the voluntary sector, district councils, Hampshire PCT, Strategic Health Authority, Hants Constabulary, Learning and Skills Council, schools, colleges, Wessex Youth Offending Team, HCC Adult Services, Early Years Partnership, and HCC Recreation and Heritage.
- 3.3 A Local Safeguarding Children's Board has been established to replace the former Area Child Protection Committee – district councils make a financial contribution to the management of the LSCB. It brings together representatives from Children's Services, Probation, Youth Offending Team, Connexions, Early Years services, District Councils and Sports and Leisure services. Its role is to ensure organisations work together to safeguard children and promote their welfare. Four Multi-Agency Safeguarding Forums (MASFs) have also been established to promote the safeguarding agenda at an area level. These new infrastructure arrangements are still developing particularly with respect to the level of proactive engagement with district councils.
- 3.4 The Hampshire Children and Young People's Plan 2006 – 2009 was published in 2006 and is currently being revised. This overarching plan is directly linked to the Hampshire Local Area Agreement and is essentially a high level articulation of the shared vision for children and young people and their families in Hampshire. It sets out how all organisations will work together to improve the life chances of children and young people living in the county against the five ECM outcomes. It is underpinned by eleven local delivery plans – the Action Plan shown at Appendix A is the plan for the Winchester District.
- 3.5 A number of key programmes are being managed at County level and delivered locally through a range of delivery partnership structures. These programmes include the roll out of Children's Centres across the county, Extended Services (formerly known as Extended Schools), the Common Assessment Framework (CAF) and Playbuilder.
- 3.6 There is now a robust framework for strong co-ordinated activity at County level which allows for and actively encourages local initiatives to suit local needs.

4 The WCC Response

- 4.1 The City Council has revised its corporate structure to better reflect the priority being given to this area of work and its new statutory obligations. It now has a lead officer (Community Wellbeing Manager) for all issues related to children and young people and a lead Member Champion (Portfolio Holder for Communities and Safety). The lead officer convenes the WDCYPP, represents WCC and PCT interests on a range of groups and partnerships related to children and young people's issues, and leads the WCC input to the WDCYPP. The lead Member sits on the WDCYPP and also the Health and

Wellbeing Strategic Outcome Group which leads this area of work at LSP level.

- 4.2 The City Council is actively engaged with the work of the MASF for the west and is also reviewing its own Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults Protection Policy in light of its new obligations under section 11 of the Children Act 2004. Awareness training on safeguarding issues has been built into the Corporate Training Plan.
- 4.3 The City Council has also invested a significant amount of officer time and modest pump prime funding to develop a Youth Council for the district. This has been achieved through strong partnership working with HCC Children's Services (Winchester Youth Team), the five mainstream secondary schools in the district and Osborne Special School.

5 Winchester District Children and Young People Partnership (WDCYPP)

- 5.1 Partnership and integrated working is at the heart of this agenda. A multi-agency partnership, the WDCYPP, has been established to ensure the delivery of the five ECM key outcomes in the Winchester District. Membership is drawn from a wide range of organisations (both statutory and voluntary sector) able to take a strategic approach to the development of services for children and young people in the district and other appropriate forums such as the Winchester Young People Agency Group (WYPAG), Children's Fund Forum, and the Drug and Alcohol Reference Group (DARG).
- 5.2 A small Core or Executive Group has been established drive forward development of the action plan, steer implementation of activities to achieve agreed outcomes and carry out the day to day business of the partnership. Membership is drawn from HCC Children's Services (current Chair), WCC (Lead Officer), Health, Extended Services and Voluntary and Community Sector (WACA). This group is accountable to the full partnership.
- 5.3 The WDCYPP is accountable to the Winchester District Strategic Partnership (WDSP) via the Health and Wellbeing Strategic Outcome Group (H&WSOG) – the Chair of the WDCYPP sits on the H&WSOG and reports regularly on progress. The current partnership Chair is the District Services Manager (Winchester), Children and Families Branch, HCC Children's Services Department.
- 5.4 Partnership working is always challenging. However, there is a genuine level of shared commitment on the WDCYPP to improve the life chances of children and young people across the district.

6 The Winchester District Children and Young People's Partnership Action Plan

- 6.1 One of the key tasks for the WDCYPP is the development of a shared delivery plan for the Winchester District based on the countywide priorities set out in the Hampshire C&YPP and other identified local needs. The Action Plan for 2008 – 2011 is shown at Appendix A. It is closely aligned to the Hampshire

LAA and the Sustainable Community Strategy for the district and feeds into an overarching Action Plan for the H&WSOG.

- 6.2 This is the very first action plan for the partnership which will be refined and updated regularly – it is a 'living' document. Initially, the plan aims to focus particularly on issues which are beyond the scope of any one organisation operating alone. A longer term objective is to align and 'pool' resources where desired outcomes cut across individual service areas.
- 6.3 The actions contained within the plan are part of a three year rolling programme which will be subject to regular review and revision. It focuses on the **key** priorities for the year 2008/09 based on the capacity of the partnership to deliver.
- 6.4 A couple of emerging priorities worthy of particular note:-
 - a) 'Myplace' bid - the aim of the project is to create an exiting world class 21st century youth facility for young people in the Winchester District. The building will act as a 'hub' for all youth activity in the district and offer a range of outreach (and 'inreach') services to 'satellite' youth facilities. It will offer a number of co-located support services, information and advice, as well as a wide range of high quality, exciting and creative activities for young people. The project is being developed by a consortium led by Streetreach, a local voluntary sector organisation. Following endorsement by the WDCYPP and HCC (all applications have to be approved by the top tier authority) a bid for £4.5M has recently been submitted to the Government's 'Myplace' funding programme.
 - b) 'Mini UNICEF' study – this is an exciting proposal to carry out a study to assess the overall 'wellbeing' of children and young people in the Winchester District based on the UNICEF framework. The WDCYPP believes that this sort of approach would guide us much more helpfully in terms of planning and reviewing services for young people within the District – 'to improve something, first measure it'. At the moment the Partnership has no benchmark data to assess current and, more importantly, to inform the development of future service provision. Although many studies have been carried out looking at what children and young people **want** in terms of youth provision and additional facilities, research has never been carried out to assess how they **feel** about themselves in relation to their health and wellbeing, and their lives growing up in the Winchester District. Clearly, carrying out complex research of this nature and scale will require professional expertise e.g. we would need to ensure that the dimensions used in the study were appropriate for the district. Consequently, preliminary discussions have taken place with the Director of the Child Well-Being Research Centre at Southampton University. The Director is extremely enthusiastic about the proposal which, to her knowledge, is a first, and has indicated her wish to work with the partnership – it sits well with the

remit of the Centre's current work. Funding to support the project is currently being identified from a range of partners.

- 6.5 Members are asked to support the active contribution by the City Council to achievement of aims within the Winchester District Children and Young People's Partnership Action Plan shown at Appendix A through the provision of staff time and the allocation of resources through the budget setting process for 2009/10.

7 Future Developments

- 7.1 As far as the future is concerned, it is anticipated that a key role for the WDCYPP will be to provide an overview of commissioning processes in respect of services to children and young people and work towards integrated commissioning in accordance with the joint priorities identified in the local action plan. Taking an overview of the distribution of the Children's Fund allocation for the district will be a first step towards adopting this new role. The Commissioning Manager from HCC will be attending the next meeting of the partnership to discuss further. A further step in this direction could be by taking soundings from the WDCYPP on any grant applications related to the provision of services to children and young people in the district.
- 7.2 An action plan for 09/10 will be developed by the partnership in line with developing Hampshire CYPP.
- 7.3 To meet the Government target for each community to be served by a Children's Centre by 31st March 2010, a further 23 centres will have to be developed across Hampshire in phase 3 of the programme - 3 of these will be in the Winchester District. Children's Centres aim to deliver better outcomes for children by bringing together a range of services for the under 5s and their families. In the first two phases of the programme 60 centres have been created in Hampshire, four in the Winchester District i.e. at Lanterns in Bereweek Road serving St Barnabas, Littleton & Harestock and St Paul, Winnall Community Centre serving St Bartholomew, St John & All Saints, Carroll Centre serving St Luke, Olivers Battery & Badger Farm and St Michael, and Wickham Primary School serving children and families in Wickham, Shedfield and Whiteley.
- 7.4 This is a fast moving agenda but, due to the partnership structures that have been established for the district and those that are still developing, we are well placed to take advantage of opportunities as they arise to improve the life chances of children and young people and deliver against the five ECM key outcomes.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

8 CORPORATE STRATEGY (RELEVANCE TO):

- 8.1 Addressing the needs of children and young people is relevant to the whole of the Council's Corporate Strategy. The issues raised in this report contribute

particularly to the creation of safe and strong communities by ensuring that children and young people are able to lead healthy, active lives and are not disadvantaged by where they live or the community they come from. Convening partnerships is also an important part of the Council's community leadership role and is evidence of its ability to work with others.

9 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

- 9.1 It is difficult to assess the level of financial commitment that may be required from the City Council to assist with the delivery of the Winchester District Children and Young People's Partnership Action Plan. It is a partnership plan and only some elements have a bearing on the WCC budget. At this stage however, it is planned that a notional £3,000 is sought as a growth bid through the budget setting process for 2009/10 to help pump prime projects and deliver other priorities identified in the plan. A further growth bid will be submitted to support Youth of Winchester (Winchester Youth Council) - this will support the establishment of a small grants scheme (awards of up to £250), regular team building events, website & publicity costs, transport costs, and regular participation in local democracy week.
- 9.2 External funding of £200,000 to deliver the 'It's OK to Play' project has already been secured from the Big Lottery Play Programme. Of this funding £128,000 is capital and £72,000 is revenue, and this is now included in the revised capital and revenue budgets being presented elsewhere on this agenda.
- 9.3 Government 'Playbuilder' funding (capital grant) has also been confirmed to create a new play space in Soberton in the current year (£50,000). This is now included in the revised capital programme presented elsewhere on this agenda (CAB1713).
- 9.4 A bid for a further £50,000 to develop a new space in Stanmore in 2010/11 has also been submitted – formal decision is due next year. A further bid for £2,000 tobacco control funding has also recently been confirmed for a project targeted at teenage mothers and their partners primarily from the Stanmore, Winnall, Weeke and Highcliffe areas of the City.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

Copies of the plans and strategies mentioned in this report are available from the Community Wellbeing Manager.

APPENDICES:

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Winchester District Children & Young People's Partnership Action Plan 2008-2011

Members of the Winchester District Children & Young People's Partnership (WDCYPP) work together to unlock the potential of every child and young person, including the diverse range of vulnerable and disadvantaged, to improve their life outcomes and to reduce the inequalities faced by some more than others in our district. The Partners place children and young people at the heart of our society and supports all aspects of their wellbeing – i.e. their health, economic wellbeing, safety, enjoyment of life, achievements, and contribution to our society.

This Action Plan sets out the Partnership's plans for raising children and young people's personal and educational achievement and nurturing their emotional and material wellbeing, while at the same time providing an environment where their autonomy, self-worth and respect are fostered. The Partners aspire to a society where children and young people living in the Winchester District are healthy, happy and enjoy all aspects of their lives through the achievement of their potential.

The actions contained within this plan are part of a three year rolling programme which will be subject to continual review and revision – a comprehensive update will be undertaken each year. It is a 'living' document, closely aligned to the Hampshire Children and Young People Plan and the Local Area Agreement (LAA), which focuses on the key priorities for 2008/09 and explains our proposed actions for the year. The plan is based on the capacity of the partnership to deliver in the current year - it is not, neither is it intended to be, an all-encompassing statement of our aims for the whole three year period 2008 – 2011.

Be Healthy	How We Will Do It	Action & timescale	Outcomes
Our aim is that every child and young person in the Winchester District is able to live a full, healthy and happy life. <u>LAA Priorities</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By promoting and increasing healthy eating, physical activity and reducing obesity. By promoting the experience of good mental health and emotional wellbeing for children and young people within the District. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold a workshop style meeting of the WDCYPP to consider the 'Be Healthy' outcome in depth – to include key professionals & C&YP (where appropriate). Will help identify future partnership priorities, highlight any gaps and raise awareness of current good practice. September 2008. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children and young people choosing healthy foods and participating in physical activities within the District. Emotionally well, stable and happy young people within the District.

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<p>NI 51 Effectiveness of child and adolescent mental health (CAMHS) services DCFS DSO.</p> <p>NI 56 Obesity among primary school age children in year 6.</p> <p>NI 112 Under 18 conception rate.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By promoting access to appropriate sexual health information, advice and services, as well as providing accessible contraception. • By promoting cheaper entry to sports & leisure facilities. • By promoting better awareness in the District about the risks associated with smoking, alcohol and substance misuse. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise awareness of existing support services e.g. Youth Counselling, Friends of the Family, Your Life project etc. • Support the roll out of the 'Cook & Eat' project in the district. • Carry out a mini 'UNICEF' study at district level following on from the 2007 report 'An Overview of Child Well-being in Rich Countries'. Secure additional resources to support this initiative. • Through the two Extended Services (ES) clusters in the district, ensure that community use of each school's IT, sports and arts facilities is enabled. List all that is currently available through each school. Publish information on the 'More Than Schools' website and through newsletters for all pupils. • The Remix Directory and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people who are able to make informed choices about whether/not to have a baby, and to receive the support and advice they need. Young people who are able to make informed choices about whether/not to engage in sexual activity, based on sound information and guidance. • Young people in the District who have the necessary information and confidence to make safe choices with regard to drugs and alcohol, and can say 'no' to their peers if they want to. • Increase the number of people who are physically active. • Coordinated action plans to help achieve Healthy
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		<p>research will help to inform the issue of parental support from other agencies, but specific work on parenting support is also needed. Publicise what is already available on the 'More than Schools' website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support delivery of actions in the Winchester District Sports & Physical Alliance (SPAA) Action Plan. • Develop proposal & submit funding bid to Tobacco Alliance to support smoking cessation project aimed at teenage parents and breastfeeding teenage mothers. 	Schools and School Travel Plans.
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Staying Safe	How We Will Do It	Action & timescale	Outcomes
Our aim is for children and young people to be safeguarded and to feel secure throughout the Winchester District.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By improving awareness of safeguarding issues within the District. • By increasing prevention work to reduce youth crime, anti-social behaviour and social exclusion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold a workshop style meeting of the WDCYP to consider the 'Staying Safe' outcome in depth – to include key professionals & C&YP (where appropriate). Will help identify future partnership priorities, highlight any gaps and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All children and young people stay safe and feel safe. • For the whole community to feel positive about having young people in

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<p><u>LAA Priority</u></p> <p><u>NI 65</u> Percentage of children becoming the subject of a Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time.</p> <p><u>NI 111</u> First time entrants to the Youth Justice System aged 10-17.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By increasing awareness of the impact of domestic abuse on children and young people from both a physical and emotional perspective, and providing appropriate help to safeguard and promote those families most at risk. • By raising awareness of the impact of bullying both in school and within the community, and reducing the incidences of this happening. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure the Common Assessment Framework (CAF) is understood and operating throughout all district schools. This is not directly the responsibility of the Partnership but we should plan to work in cooperation with those rolling out the CAF. • Develop proactive links with Domestic Abuse/Violence Forum, Women's Refuge & Community Safety Team/Partnership. • Ensure relevant partners understand and fulfil their statutory obligations to safeguard and promote the welfare of children under Section 11 of the Children Act 2004. Support training programme. • Winchester Youth Council to produce a local campaign to run 	<p>their neighbourhoods.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children and young people feel safe and happy at home. • All WCC staff & contractors understand their role and contribution to the safeguarding agenda. • Children and young people feel safe at school and in the community.
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		in schools on the issue of bullying.	
Enjoy & Achieve	How We Will Do It	Action & timescale	Outcomes
<p>Our aim is to ensure that every child and young person within the District of Winchester will be offered leisure, play, cultural and learning opportunities that will encourage them to develop to their full potential realise their aspirations and have fun.</p> <p><u>LAA Priorities</u></p> <p><u>NI 102</u> Achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers achieving the expected level at key stages 2 and 4.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By promoting leisure, play, cultural and leisure opportunities in the District. • By delivering the Play Strategy Action Plan • By encouraging and actively supporting the development of a range of safe places to go in areas of identified need. • By ensuring that children and young people are supported to engage with education, training and employment in the District, and providing additional support to those who are not. • By developing better ways of identifying vulnerable children and young people early, and providing the right support to help turn their lives around, and stop problems from deteriorating. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold a workshop style meeting of the WDCYPP to consider the 'Enjoy & Achieve' outcome in depth – to include key professionals & C&YP (where appropriate). Will help identify future partnership priorities, highlight any gaps and raise awareness of current good practice. • Pursue 'MyPlace' funding to fund somewhere for young people to go. • Investigate the need for further youth provision in the southern parishes. • WCC in partnership with the Forestry Commission will deliver year one of the 'It's OK to Play' project 2008/9 – 3 year project June 2008 – 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children and young people have a wide variety of accessible play and leisure opportunities in the district. • Strong evidence of grass roots participation. Olympic multi sports taster event targeting Olympic & minority sports. • All children and young people to be able to maximise their potential in education, training and employment, with a focus on 'enjoyment'. • Universal services (youth provision, sport & leisure) have activities that are relevant and

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In doing the above, to close the gap between the achievements and life chances of the most vulnerable children and young people (as identified in the CYPP) and the majority of children and young people in the Winchester District. 	<p>May 2011.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise the profile of natural and adventurous play in partnership with the Forestry Commission – Play Outreach Worker. • Support C&YP initiatives under the 2012 Olympics Framework 'Live Your Dream'. • Investigate potential sites in the district for 'Playbuilder' funding, develop proposals and submit funding bids. • Support implementation of the Government's 'Aiming High for Disabled Children' strategy and pursuing opportunities to improve the lives of disabled children and their parents/carers in the district. Pursue all opportunities to reduce barriers to access, particularly transport and 	<p>interesting to a broad range of disabled children, particularly the hard to reach, and including those on the autistic spectrum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The active engagement of children and parents from the less affluent areas in the district.
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		<p>affordability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through Extended Services support school engagement with less easy to reach parents. Give parents confidence to seek support when they need it (linked to the 'More than Schools' Action Plan). Support the roll out of Children's Centres in the district. Support delivery of actions in the SPAA Action Plan e.g. evening football sessions. 	
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Make a Positive Contribution	How We Will Do It	Actions & Timescale	Outcomes
<p>Our aim is that every child and young person in the District of Winchester can contribute to District delivery, and are valued for their</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By increasing accessibility and quality of information on services, and access to volunteering opportunities and increasing positive news stories in relation to children and young people in the District. By ensuring that parish and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold a workshop style meeting of the WDCYPP to consider the 'Make a Positive Contribution' in depth – to include key professionals & C&YP (where appropriate). Will help identify future partnership priorities, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Young people make a positive contribution. Young people are adequately provided for through improved community facilities, services and activities.

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<p>contribution.</p> <p><u>LAA Priorities</u></p> <p><u>NI 4</u> % of people who feel they can influence decisions in their locality.</p>	<p>neighbourhood plans take specific account of the views of young people and address their future needs and wishes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> By ensuring that the views of the new Winchester Youth Council are used to develop and inform district action/delivery plans. 	<p>highlight any gaps and raise awareness of current good practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop links with the Millennium Volunteer scheme in the Winchester District. Winchester Youth Council to enter the 'Positive Images of Young People Award' & increase 'good news' stories in the local media. 2008/09. All partners to gather 'good news' stories and submit to the partnership for a co-ordinated positive publicity campaign. Winchester Youth Council to publicise itself more and increase its membership. Winchester Youth Council to find ways to engage with vulnerable and hard to reach groups of C&YP. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Services and facilities meet the needs of children & young people.
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winchester Youth Council to provide input to the Local Development Framework & the Winchester Town Access Plan. Ensure CYPP reps regularly attend Youth Council meetings and vice versa. Support implementation of the Government's 'Aiming High for Young People' strategy. Ensure C&YP involvement in the development of initiatives to support the 2012 Olympics Framework 'Live Your Dream'. 	
Achieve Economic Wellbeing	How We Will Do It	Actions & Timescales	Outcomes
Our aim is to ensure that children and young people in the District of Winchester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By improving transport options for children and young people in the District. By improving housing arrangements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold a workshop style meeting of the WDCYPP to consider the 'Achieve Economic Wellbeing' outcome in depth – to include 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Young people to have the choice about accessing services as and when they want to, under their own steam.

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<p>have somewhere safe to live and have opportunities to prepare for employment and adult life.</p> <p><u>LAA priorities</u></p> <p><u>NI 62</u> Stability of placements of looked after children: number of placements.</p> <p><u>NI 117</u> 16 to 18 year olds who are not in education, training or employment (NEET).</p>	<p>for vulnerable children, young people and their families who are in unsuitable accommodation (working closely with the Supported Housing Panel)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By providing practical and work related learning for the 14-19 age group – finding opportunities for them in the Winchester District. • By improving the life chances of those 16 – 19 year olds at risk of underachievement, particularly those who are not in education, employment or training (NEET). 	<p>key professionals & C&YP (where appropriate). Will help identify future partnership priorities, highlight any gaps and raise awareness of current good practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research transport initiatives for young people across the country – e.g. West Sussex 3 in 1 card. Isle of Wight 'Student Rider' scheme 2008/9 • Link into the Winchester City Council Housing strategy and Homelessness strategy to ensure the needs of C&YP are addressed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All children and young people in the District to be appropriately housed. • Young people who are non-traditional learners to reach their full potential and access employment. • Young people to realise their full potential.
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Final September 2008

The Declaration on Child Well-being

Following the publication of the UNICEF report 'An Overview of Child Well-being in Rich Countries' in February 2007, we believe that the following measures must be acted on if we are to improve children's well-being in the UK.

The current level of child poverty in the UK, the fifth-richest economy in the world, is unacceptable and does not reflect the decent society we hope for. We believe the UK should remain committed to halving child poverty by 2010 and to ending child poverty by 2020. We support the need to spend time, energy and money to ensure this becomes a reality. We believe that these targets should be met across the four nations of the United Kingdom.

All children and young people experience the opportunities and stresses of modern life. We know that life for some children and young people in the UK is more difficult than we want it to be.

We must place children and young people at the heart of our society by listening to them and respecting their hopes, views and concerns. We know that this will bring about a change in the way we live our lives. That change will be for the better.

To improve children and young people's well-being, the UK must become a country in which:

Children and young people, their families and people who care for them have the support, skills and resources to help children and young people to explore their dream.

Places of learning help children and young people to be confident and happy.

Children and young people feel safe, and are free to explore their world and take risk.

We all work together to make space for children and young people to enjoy childhood.

All children and young people have someone to talk to and somewhere to go when they need it.

All children are valued and deserve our help, support and love including when they are in trouble.

All children and young people feel included and cherished whatever their background or beliefs and wherever they come from.

Mental health services are there for children and young people when they need them.

Children and young people play an active role in shaping the services and activities that affect their lives.

The good things that children and young people do are shown fairly in stories in newspapers, on television and in other media.

We live up to the promise we made when we signed up to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

These principles are urgently put into action in our policies, laws and behaviours.

Leaders and like-minded organisations are invited to sign up to the Declaration on Child Well-being.