

Individual Decision

Title of Report:	Children & Young People Service Plan 2004-2005		
Report to be considered by:	Executive Member for Children & Young People and Executive Member for Community Safety, Public Protection & Youth Services	on:	Friday 21 st May 2004
Forward Plan Ref:	ID0757		

Purpose of Report: For the Portfolio Member to consider the Children & Young People Service Grouping Draft Service Plan 2004-2005

Recommended Action: The Portfolio Member for Children & Young People and Portfolio Member for Community Safety, Public Protection & Youth Services are asked to consider and approve the Service Plan for the Children & Young People Service Grouping 2004-2005

Reason for decision to be taken: To agree the Service Grouping's Service Plan for 2004-2005

List of other options considered: None

Key background documentation:

- West Berkshire Council Corporate Plan 2003-2008
- West Berkshire Community Plan 2003-2008

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Supporting Information

1. Background

- 1.1 Members will be aware that annual Service Plans are a fundamental part of the Council's performance management framework. The plans articulate how the Service Group and its service units will deliver the Council's priorities over the coming year, how resources will be allocated and standards and targets that will be set.
- 1.2 This year's Children & Young People Service Plan is divided into 4 parts. Part 1 is an Executive Summary providing a succinct overview of the priorities of the directorate and how the business of the service grouping will be undertaken to achieve them. An overview of the service plan is also provided in this section. Part 2 is the Children & Young People Service Plan and looks at the national and local context affecting the work of the directorate and details the aims, priorities and supporting strategies the directorate needs to work on as a whole and in partnership with other agencies and organisations. Part 3 contains the Children & Young People directorate sector service and commissioning action plans detailing the specific work of each service area and how this links into the overall vision for both the directorate and organisation as a whole. Part 4 contains the appendices.
- 1.3 Eventually, Service Plans will state how we resource the priorities for the directorate over a 3-year period. However, at the time of writing the Council's medium term budget strategy is still in preparation. This Service Plan, therefore, will concentrate on 2004/2005. It will emphasise the importance of maintaining high quality universal services, whilst acknowledging where priorities or developments have to be resourced through reinvestment or the securing of external funding.

Appendices

Appendix A – Children & Young People Draft Service Plan 2004-2005

Implications

Policy:	None directly arising from this report
Financial:	None directly arising from this report
Personnel:	None directly arising from this report
Legal:	None directly arising from this report
Environmental:	None directly arising from this report
Equalities:	None directly arising from this report
Partnering:	None directly arising from this report
Property:	None directly arising from this report
Risk Management:	None directly arising from this report
Community Safety:	None directly arising from this report

Consultation Responses

Members:

Leader of Council:

Royce Longton consulted – comments received and incorporated into the report.

Portfolio Members

Mollie Lock consulted – comments received and incorporated into the report. Billy Drummond and Mike Rodgers consulted – no responses received to date.

Select Committee Chairmen:

Graham Pask consulted – no response received to date.

P&L Committee Chairman (where appropriate):

N/A

Ward Members:

N/A

Opposition Spokesperson:

Graham Pask consulted – no response received to date.

Advisory Members:

N/A

Local Stakeholders:

N/A

Officers Consulted:

Richard Hubbard – Corporate Director Children & Young People
Andy Couldrick – Head of Children's Services
David Appleton – Head of Culture & Youth
Ian Pearson – Head of Education Services
Andy Tubbs – Chief Advisor for School Improvement

Trade Union:

N/A