

REPORT TO: Children, Young People and Families, Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 28 January 2019

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, People

PORTFOLIO Children, Education and Social Care

SUBJECT: Business Planning 2019 - 20

WARDS: All

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To provide Elected Members with the Final Draft of the Children's Services contribution to the Council's Business Plan for the coming financial year.
- 1.2 To update Elected Members on the departments milestones and measures within each of our priorities for 2019-20.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Business Plan presented at this meeting will be accepted as the Children and Young Peoples Services Business Plan for 2019-20.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 Since 2016 Management Team endorsed the annual preparation and production of a unified Council Business Plan which was structured as a series of extracts which were themed around the 6 strategic priorities of the Council.
- 3.2 Each of the extracts contains details of objectives / milestones and key measures / targets which are most relevant to that particular priority. This approach is consistent with the scrutiny arrangements of the Council and the responsibilities of each of the individual Policy and Performance Boards and provides an effective means by which Senior Management Team and Elected Members can monitor progress throughout the year.
- 3.3 The Children Services Business Plan 2019-20 focuses upon the key medium-term issues as opposed to providing an extensive narrative on the work of each Department
- 3.4 Information has been collated for the Business Plan by the Policy Team and the Performance Team within the Children and Young People Services.

3.5 Due to ongoing work, PBB will be provided with final draft of the Children's Services Business Plan at this meeting in advance of these being presented for political approval by Executive Board in March 2018.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None.

5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Arrangements for the provision of Quarterly Monitoring Reports to Chief Officers Management Team, Senior Management Teams and Elected Members would continue and would provide demonstrable assurance that information is being used routinely to support the decision making and scrutiny functions of the Council.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

The priorities set out in the business plan aim to improve outcomes for Halton Children and Young People

6.2 Employment and Learning Skills in Halton

The business plan sets out our approach to improving participation and skills for young people.

6.3 A Healthy Halton

N/A

6.4 A Safer Halton

The business plan sets out plans to keeping children and young people safe by improving practice.

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

Departmental service objectives and performance measures, both local and national, are linked to the delivery of the Council's strategic priorities.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 The development of a Business Plan will allow the authority to both align its activities and resources to the delivery of organisational priorities and to provide information to stakeholders as to the work of the Council over the coming year. Such arrangements would also support good governance through the management of risk and performance and the delivery of effective accountability.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

There are no specific equality and diversity issues relevant to this report.

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Not applicable.