

Progress of Children & Young People's Plan 2019-22

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1. Summary

1.1. Somerset Children's Trust is developing a three year Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) commencing April 2019 setting out the actions we and our partners are taking to continue and sustain improvements in children's services. The plan follows a multi-agency approach, and is influenced by the engagement with children and young people throughout 2018. Four priority area, managed by relevant Boards for each priority area will be in place, as follows:

1. A Happy Family Life
2. A Healthy Start to Life
3. A Great Education to Build Skills for Life
4. Positive Activities

1.2. Children and families are a key theme within the Health & Wellbeing 'Improving Lives' Strategy 2019 -2028, recognising the importance of providing the information and advice families need to help themselves and of focusing our help early and effectively when needed. The key priorities are to improve children's safeguarding services; to improve exam results, particularly for the most vulnerable pupils; and to improve children's health and wellbeing leading to the Improving Live's outcome of 'Fairer Life Chances and Opportunities for All'.

2. Issues for consideration / Recommendations

2.1. The Committee is asked to consider and comment on the draft CYPP, noting the Plan has yet to have final approval from the Somerset Children's Trust Executive (meeting due on 31 January). Once the draft is approved, the Executive will decide upon final consultation and method of launch.

Timeline:

- 25.1.19 – CYPP Progress update to C&F scrutiny
- 31.1.19 - CYPP Progress update to SCT Executive
- 20.2.19 – Young People's writing workshop
- Feb/Mar – Final plan out for consultation/approval
- Mar – SCT Approval
- 22.3.19 – Final CYPP to C&F scrutiny
- Mar/April – Launch of CYPP
- After April – Plan taken to Cabinet/Full Council

2.2. The attached presentation gives assurance to the Children & Families scrutiny of the contents and layout of the plan and the time line to completion.

