

**Decision Maker:** EDUCATION, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES PORTFOLIO HOLDER

**Date:** Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017

**Decision Type:** Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

**Title:** DRAFT 2017/18 EDUCATION, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES PORTFOLIO PLAN PRIORITIES

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**Ward:** (All Wards);

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1. Reason for report

This report presents the Education, Children and Families Select Committee with the draft portfolio priorities and aims for 2017/18 and reflects the new Portfolio Structure as agreed in May 2017. The draft plan brings the Education oversight in line with the financial planning cycle as opposed to the academic year. The priority outcomes reflect the Building a Better Bromley vision for our children and young people and the Education, Care and Health department's 'Journey to Excellence'.

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2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

**The Education, Children and Families Select Committee is requested to comment on the draft Education Portfolio Plan for 2017/18 (Appendix A).**

**The Education Portfolio Holder is requested to agree the 2017/18 draft Education, Children and Families Portfolio Plan.**

### Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy:
  2. BBB Priority: Children and Young People Supporting Independence:
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### Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No Cost:
  2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable:
  3. Budget head/performance centre: Education and Children's Services Portfolio
  4. Total current budget for this head: £45.931m
  5. Source of funding: Education and Children's Services Approved Budget
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### Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 1,321 FTE
  2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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### Legal

1. Legal Requirement: None:
  2. Call-in: Applicable:
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### Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): All children and young people within the borough of Bromley.
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### Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: N/A

### 3. COMMENTARY

3.1 The draft 2017/18 Education, Children and Families Portfolio Plan (Appendix A), comprises two priority outcomes focusing on being ambitious for the children and young people of Bromley through:-

- Fulfilling our duty of care to ensure the health, wellbeing and achievements of our vulnerable children;
- Providing the best possible service to deliver appropriate support to all children and young people

The format of the Plan reflects the revised Portfolio structure and the Priorities are underpinned by four Outcome Statements and 35 Aims which define the supporting Education, Social Care, Health and Housing action plans and measures.

3.2 Areas of focus, in support of these outcome statements, include:-

- Working in partnership with Early Years providers to ensure sufficiency of places to meet demand for 30 hours of funded childcare for 3 and 4 year olds of working parents
- Implement the Primary and Secondary School Development Plans (including expansions) to provide additional school places from September 2018 and beyond, with focus on areas of concentrated demand
- Completing the transfer of Statements of Special Education Need to Education, Health and Care plans in line with statutory timescales
- Increasing the range of accommodation pathway options and support available for homelessness and ensuring that young people are accommodated in suitable accommodation which supports their independence
- Through partnership working, improving outcomes for children and young people involved in the Criminal Justice system
- Being ambitious for all our Children Looked After and young people and supporting them in leading successful, fulfilling and economically independent lives

3.3 Key achievements against the 2016/17 plan include:-

- Expanded existing schools and supported the creation of free schools where they address basic need, ensuring provision of sufficient school places to meet future demand
- 84% of secondary school and 93% of primary school on time applicants received their first or second choice of education establishment.
- Achieved 95.2% (6,411) of Bromley young people aged 16-17 participating in full time education, apprenticeship or employment with training.
- 40 pupils who are currently in receipt of travel assistance supported through the travel training programme in this academic year. The independence which children gain from the training will allow them to access education, employment and social opportunities with greater confidence.

- Refreshed the 'Local Offer' for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. Enhancements include the publication of a range of previously unused short break providers.
- Improved children and young people's wellbeing by engaging more than 80 schools in the London Healthy Schools programme.
- Implemented new initiatives to give more families the opportunity to access Temporary Accommodation in, or near, Bromley, enabling them to access work and for children to remain in their school.

3.4 Progress against the Portfolio priorities will be reported to the Education, Children and Families Select Committee throughout 2017/18.

The Children's Service Improvement Action Plan is being overseen and monitored by the Children's Services Improvement Governance Board which will receive regular reports, including performance measures, reflecting direction of travel and progress. The Education, Children and Families Select Committee will also receive updates throughout 2017/18.

#### **4. IMPACT ON VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND ADULTS**

Both priorities of the Education, Children and Families Portfolio Plan have regard to the needs of the vulnerable children and young people of Bromley.

#### **5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

The proposed Portfolio Plan for 2017/18 reflects the Building a Better Bromley vision of being 'Ambitious for all our children and young people' through:-

- Fulfilling our duty of care to ensure the health, wellbeing and achievements of our vulnerable children;
- Providing the best possible service to deliver appropriate support to all children and young people

and the direction of the departmental 'Journey to Excellence'.

Focus remains on ensuring the best possible future for the children and young people of Bromley, and supporting the most vulnerable through:

- Safeguarding children and young people within schools and the community.
- Listening to the views of children and young people to influence the decisions that are made about them.
- Encouraging excellent educational opportunities from the early years through to further and higher education for all Bromley children and young people including those with Special Educational Needs.

#### **6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Four Year Financial Strategy provides an overview of the key service and financial pressures facing the Council and identifies in detail the cost pressures facing the Education, Care and Health Services department.

## 7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications arising directly from this report. Any legal implications arising from the implementation of the various actions contained within the plan will be reported to the Select Committee separately.

<b>Non-Applicable Sections:</b>	Personnel Implications
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	N/A