

Decision Maker: EDUCATION, CHILDREN, AND FAMILIES BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE MONITORING SUB-COMMITTEE

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

Title: CHILDREN, EDUCATION, AND FAMILIES PORTFOLIO PLAN 2017/18 UPDATE

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Ward: N/A

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 This report presents the Education, Children and Families Budget and Performance Monitoring Sub-Committee with the update of the Children, Education and Families Portfolio Plan 2017/18 and the proposed Portfolio Plan for 2018/19. The new Portfolio Plan is in line the Building a Better Bromley vision for our children and young people and the Education, Care and Health Services department's Business Plan.

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 2.1 Members are asked to note progress on the actions associated with the Children, Education and Families Portfolio Plan 2017/18 – Appendix 1.
- 2.2 Members are asked to note and comment on the proposed Children, Education and Families Portfolio Plan 2018/19 – Appendix 2.

Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact:
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Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy
 2. BBB Priority: Children and Young People Excellent Council Safe Bromley Healthy Bromley
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No cost:
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable:
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Education, Children and Families Portfolio
 4. Total current budget for this head: £
 5. Source of funding:
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Personnel

1. Number of staff (current and additional):
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours:
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: None:
 2. Call-in: Not Applicable:
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Procurement

1. Summary of Procurement Implications:
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): All vulnerable children and young people within 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

Background

- 3.1 The Education, Children and Families Portfolio Plan 2017/18 was the first Plan under the new Portfolio Structure which was agreed in May 2017. Previously the Portfolio Plan had been education focused and was structured to follow the academic year. This Plan incorporated the wider responsibilities of children’s social care as well as housing where it impacted on children, young people and families. It also followed the financial planning cycle. 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’.
- 3.2 The Education, Children and Families Portfolio Plan 2017/18 was presented at the Education, Care and Families Select Committee meeting on 17 October 2017 and agreed by the Portfolio Holder following comments by the Select Committee. The Plan focussed on two priority outcomes:
- Priority One: Fulfilling our duty of care to ensure the health, wellbeing and achievements of our vulnerable children and
 - Priority Two: Provide the best possible service to deliver appropriate support to all children and young people.
- 3.3 Within each priority are a number of outcome statements and aims which are underpinned by actions and measures within the work of Education, Care and Housing Services.

Outcome statement	Number of Actions	Status of actions		
		Red	Amber	Green
Priority One: Fulfilling our duty of care to ensure the health, wellbeing and achievements of our vulnerable children				
Vulnerable children and families are identified and supported at the earliest opportunity	15	0	6	9
Children and young people are safeguarded and protected from harm, and are kept safe from bullying or crime	3	0	1	2
Priority 2: Providing the best possible service to deliver appropriate support to all children and young				
Vulnerable children and young people are encouraged to have high aspirations for their future	4	0	4	0
Children and young people are supported to achieve their maximum potential	12	0	6	6
Children and young people are supported to access opportunities for positive activities and encouraged to have happy and healthy lifestyles	2	0	2	0

- 3.4 Key achievements of the 2017/18 Portfolio Plan are:
- Supporting independence, families and increasing employability through the provision of a wide-ranging programme of activities and adult education courses focused on family cohesion as well as English, maths and language skills.
 - Achieving the highest number of children in 30 hour places across the whole of London in both Autumn and Spring Terms 2017/18.

- Ensuring that no 16/17 year olds were in emergency shared nightly paid accommodation and that no families with dependent children were in Bed and Breakfast accommodation.
- Continuing to work with schools and the Education Funding Agency to provide needed additional school places for September 2018 and beyond.
- 93% of Early Years providers who had been graded 'Below Good' achieved an improved grading at their following inspection following support from Quality Improvement Officers.

- 3.5 There are some areas where, although substantial progress has been made, more long-term work is needed to improve outcomes for the most vulnerable children and young people in the borough. These include:
- Fully implementing the SEND reforms in line with the SEND reforms Strategic Vision and Priorities
 - Fully implementing the Youth Offending Service plan
 - Ensuring that children and young people are kept safe and that those who become children looked after and care leavers are supported to achieve and thrive.
- 3.6 The new Portfolio Plan 2018/19 focuses on the following four priority areas:
- Safeguarding
 - Life chances, resilience and wellbeing
 - Implement the SEND reforms
 - Ensuring efficiency and effectiveness

4. IMPACT ON VULNERABLE ADULTS AND CHILDREN

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

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

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

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 Sub-Committee separately.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Personnel Implications, Procurement Implications
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	N/A