

Decision Maker: CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND FAMILIES PORTFOLIO HOLDER

Date: Tuesday 9 July 2019

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

Title: CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND FAMILIES PORTFOLIO PLAN
2018 to 2022 UPDATE – Quarter 4, 2018/19

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Chief Officer: Janet Bailey, Interim DCS

Ward: N/A

1. Reason for report

1.1 This report presents the Children, Education and Families Portfolio Holder with a 6 monthly update of the Children, Education and Families Portfolio Plan 2018-22.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

2.1 Members are asked to note progress on the actions associated with the Children, Education and Families Portfolio Plan 2018/22 for the second half of 2018/19 - Appendix 1.

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 2018 to 2022 differs from previous Portfolio Plans in that it spans a four year cycle rather than the previous annual Portfolio Plans. This allows the Plan to focus on delivering the longer-term strategic priorities for children and young people. 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 2018 to 2022 was presented at the Children, Education and Families Budget and Performance Monitoring Sub-Committee meeting on 18 July 2018 and agreed by the Portfolio Holder following comments by the Select Committee. The Plan focusses on four priority outcomes:
- Safeguarding
 - Life chances, resilience and wellbeing
 - Implement the SEND reforms
 - Ensuring efficiency and effectiveness
- 3.3 Within each priority are a number of statements which are underpinned by actions and measures of success within the work of Education, Care and Housing Services. The half-yearly update to the Portfolio Plan was scheduled at the Children, Education and Families Budget and Performance Monitoring Sub-Committee meeting on 30th October 2018.
- 3.4 Key achievements of the 2018 to 2022 Portfolio Plan for the second half of 2018/19 are:
- Priority 1 – Safeguarding:
 - The Bromley Safeguarding Children Board held a successful conference during the autumn 2018 providing training and greater awareness of safeguarding issues in Bromley.
 - The first annual Children's Social Care Conference, held in October 2018, focussed on social work values and practice including safeguarding. The second annual conference is planned for October 2019.
 - The Children's Performance Framework is now embedded with associated weekly, monthly and annual reports and analysis provided; The monthly Performance Digests for Children's Social Care and Education have been refreshed.
 - Priority 2 – Life chances, resilience and wellbeing:
 - A new school improvement strategy was presented to maintained schools on 29 April
 - Work to close the achievement and progress gap continued with the Improving Outcomes for Bromley's Disadvantaged Pupils Conference and recruitment to the Closing the Gap project. A Summer conference on reciprocal reading is planned for July 2019
 - Commissioning of complementary vocational alternative provision offer is underway, using a £250k p.a. pump prime investment
 - There has been 1 permanent exclusion from primary schools in 2018/19 year to date.
 - Priority 3 – Implement the SEND Reforms:
 - 7 Primary Specialist Leaders in Education have been recruited, training has taken place and they are ready to commence delivery in schools to model effective practice in supporting pupils who have SEND.
 - Establishing Service Level Agreements with all mainstream schools with additionally resourced provision.

- The SEN Statutory Assessment Team has been restructured with case allocations realigned providing a far greater emphasis on placing children and young people at the centre.
- A Group Leader has been appointed to lead the SEN Advisory Teams, bringing together expertise and a much stronger offer of support to schools and settings across the continuum of provision and age range (0-25yrs).
- A Quality Assurance and Improvement Lead (QAIL) is being appointed to drive the improvements in working practices, quality and timeliness of the statutory process.
- The extended 2019-22 strategy is being drafted for implementation in September 2019
- An Expression of Interest has been successful to establish a new primary Free Special School for children who have ASD with a profile of more complex needs. Phase 2 is underway and the school is likely to open in September 2020.

• Priority 4 – Ensuring efficiency and effectiveness:

- User Voice Framework launched in October 2018 continues to help improve how the department collates and uses feedback from residents and service users, with associated guidance and best practice being rolled out.

3.5 Officers are working with the Portfolio Holder to update the Education, Children and Families Portfolio Plan for 2019/20 with careful consideration to align this to the Councils' Transformation Plan.

4. IMPACT ON VULNERABLE ADULTS AND CHILDREN

All 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