

**Decision Maker:** CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND FAMILIES POLICY  
DEVELOPMENT AND SCUTINY COMMITTEE

**Date:** 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022

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

**Title:** CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND FAMILIES PORTFOLIO PLAN –  
2022/23 Q2 UPDATE

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**Ward:** All Wards

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1. Reason for report

- 1.1 This report presents the Children, Education and Families Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee with a Children, Education and Families Portfolio Plan 2022-23 Quarter 2 update.
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2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 2.1 Members are asked to note progress on the actions associated with the Children, Education and Families Portfolio Plan (Appendix 1).
- 2.2 Please note that following a request by a Member at CEF PDS Committee on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022, new metrics supporting the workstream to improve post-COVID education outcomes for children and young people, as well as on work to increase take up of multi-agency early help services are included in this Q2 Portfolio Plan.

### Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact: To provide the Scrutiny Committee with a regular update on the performance of services for children.
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### Transformation Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy: The monitoring of the Portfolio Holder Plan is part of the performance management framework developed to ensure that there is strong leadership and management oversight of children's services in Bromley.
  2. Making Bromley Even Better Priority:
    - (1) For children and young People to grow up, thrive and have the best life chances in families who flourish and are happy to call Bromley home.
    - (5) To manage our resources well, providing value for money, and efficient and effective services for Bromley's residents.
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### Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Not Applicable
  2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable
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### Personnel

1. Number of staff (current and additional): Not Applicable
  2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: Not Applicable
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### Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Non-Statutory - Government Guidance
  2. Call-in: Not Applicable: No Executive Decision.
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### Procurement

1. Summary of Procurement Implications: Not Applicable
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### Property

1. Summary of Property Implications: Not Applicable
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### Carbon Reduction and Social Value

1. Summary of Carbon Reduction/Sustainability Implications: Not Applicable
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### Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users or customers (current and projected): Not Applicable
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### Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable

### 3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 The Children, Education and Families Portfolio Plan focuses on delivering the longer-term strategic priorities for children and families in Bromley and has been refreshed in line with the Council's Transformation Programme and the Corporate Strategy, Making Bromley Even Better.
- 3.2 The Children, Education and Families Portfolio Plan focusses on five priority outcomes:
- Safeguarding
  - Affordable, Decent and Secure Homes
  - Life chances, resilience and wellbeing
  - Supporting and challenging effective multi-agency working
  - Ensuring efficiency and effectiveness
- 3.2 Within each priority are a number of statements which are underpinned by actions and measures of success within the work of Children's Services and other departments which impact on children and families.
- 3.3 Progress is noted in the Quarter 3 update in Appendix 1 against the actions and measures of success within the Portfolio Plan.

### 4. IMPACT ON VULNERABLE ADULTS AND CHILDREN

- 4.1 Examination of performance by elected members holding scrutiny roles is part of a broader performance management framework which supports improvement of services delivered to children, including those vulnerable to poorer outcomes.

### 5. TRANSFORMATION/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The monitoring of key performance measures is part of the performance management framework developed to ensure that there is strong leadership and management oversight of children's services in Bromley.

### 6. CUSTOMER IMPACT

- 6.1 A Children's Performance Management Framework agreed in 2018 and updated in 2020, stipulates that the Children's PDS Committee should receive a regular update on the Portfolio Holder Plan in respect of children's services. Reports should enable Members to '*ask challenging questions about areas of underperformance and make recommendations accordingly to the Executive*'.

<b>Non-Applicable Sections:</b>	Financial/Personnel/Legal/Procurement/Property/Carbon Reduction and Social Value Implications and Ward Councillor Views
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Portfolio Holder Plan 2022/23