

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

Date: Tuesday 11 June 2024

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

Title: CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND FAMILIES PORTFOLIO PLAN –
2023/24 Q4 UPDATE AND 2024/25 REFRESHED PLAN

Contact Officers: Clare O'Reilly, Head of Service: Children's Social Care and Education -
Strategy, Performance and Corporate Transformation Division

Chief Officer: Richard Baldwin, Director of Children's Services

Ward: N/A

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 2023-24 Quarter 4 update - Appendix 1
- 1.2 Appendix 2 also presents a draft 2024-25 Porfolio Plan for comment.
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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 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: No Executive decision.
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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

- 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 4 update in Appendix 2 against the actions and measures of success within the Portfolio Plan.
- 3.4 A draft 2024/25 plan is presented to Members for comment.

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 updates ton 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*'.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Financial/Personnel/Legal/Procurement/Property/Carbon Reduction and Social Value Implications and Ward Councillor Views
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Portfolio Holder Plan 2023/24