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Report of: Corporate Director Children, Schools and Families Originating officer(s) Layla Richards, Service Manager Partnerships and Equality		Title: Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) Review 2008/09 Wards Affected: All		

1. **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report informs the Cabinet of progress made in the final year (2008–2009) of first three year Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP). The Council and partners have now agreed a new three year CYPP from 2009 to 2012 and this came into effect from April 2009.

A review of progress is attached at Appendix 1.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Cabinet is recommended to:-

- 2.1 Consider and comment on the assessment of the third year's progress against the first CYPP 2006–2009.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Tower Hamlets' first CYPP 2006-2009 was published in April 2006. The CYPP sets out a vision that partners in the Tower Hamlets Partnership want to achieve for children, young people and families in the borough. It is an important element of the reforms introduced by the Children Act 2004 which says that local authorities should produce a single, strategic, overarching plan for all services affecting children and young people every three years.
- 3.2 The Children, Schools and Families Directorate made a commitment to Cabinet to review progress against the CYPP every 12 months. The 2009 guidance issued by the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) states that the CYPP should be reviewed each year unless the local authority is publishing a new plan. Tower Hamlets has, of course, recently published a new plan for the next three years.
- 3.3 The CYPP is monitored and delivered through the Children and Families' Trust and sets the commissioning framework within which partners will work to ensure delivery of services to improve outcomes for children, young people and families in the area. Monitoring of activities and indicators is undertaken throughout the year by the Children and Families' Trust and Every Child Matters (ECM)¹ delivery groups. Six-monthly reporting is also reported to the Children and Families' Trust, which holds the delivery groups to account for performance against their sections of the plan.
- 3.4 Tower Hamlets has recently agreed a second three year plan for 2009-2012. This was approved by Cabinet on 11 March and by full Council on 22 April 2009. This plan replaces the first three year plan and is much more focused on areas where greater improvement is still needed. The process to develop the new plan was heavily focused on reviewing progress against activities in the first plan and highlighting areas for improvement.

4. REPORT FINDINGS

- 4.1 The attached report at appendix 1 reviews progress in 2008-2009, the final year of our first CYPP 2006-2009. By theme, the report assesses how well we did in achieving our vision, in meeting targets and delivering against our agreed priorities.
- 4.2 At annex A the report includes performance against key headline and supporting indicators where available for the last three years. Of the 53 indicators where data is available, 38 have improved performance. This section also shows direction of travel over a three year period.

¹ Be Healthy; Stay Safe; Enjoy and Achieve; Make a Positive Contribution; Achieve Economic Wellbeing, as well as Excellent Children's Services

- 4.3 Performance data and assessments of progress formed part of the needs analysis considered by each of the theme groups when agreeing priorities, areas for improvement and things we would do differently for the new three year plan.

5. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

- 5.1 This report informs Cabinet about the progress made in the final year (2008–2009) of first three year CYPP. The performance against key headlines and supporting indicators (attached at Annex A) has been achieved within the existing Children’s Services Budget.

6. CONCURRENT REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (LEGAL)

- 6.1 Cabinet is asked to consider and comment on the review of progress made under the Children and Young People’s Plan (“CYPP”) published in 2006 for the period 2006-2009.
- 6.2 Section 17 of the Children Act 2004 enabled the Secretary of State to make regulations in respect of the preparation and review by Local Authorities of CYPPs. Pursuant to the Children and Young People’s Plan Regulations 2005, local authorities are generally required to publish a CYPP and to review the plan in each year in which it is not required to publish a plan. As a Local Authority with a “four star” children’s service, Tower Hamlets is excepted from the obligation to publish a plan. However, the Council nevertheless has power to adopt a CYPP and to review progress under the plan.

7. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS

Reduce inequalities

- 7.1 The CYPP specifically addresses how equalities will be promoted and sets out how outcomes will be improved for all children and young people. The last three year plan considered the following groups at risk of social exclusion:
- (i) Children from BME communities
 - (ii) Children and young people in public care
 - (iii) Children with disabilities
 - (iv) Children with mental health problems
 - (v) Teenage parents

The new plan also identifies tackling child poverty as a cross-cutting priority and activities to both tackle and mitigate the effects of poverty run throughout the plan.

Ensure strong community cohesion

- 7.2 The last three year plan contained a number of activities to promote community cohesion. A specific priority and actions to promote and support community cohesion among children and young people were included in the 'Make a Positive Contribution' section of the plan.

Strengthen community leadership

- 7.3 The 'Make a Positive Contribution' section of the plan contains specific activities to increase the participation of children and young people in decision-making and public life. In addition, the plan contains specific actions to strengthen partnership working through the Children and Families' Trust infrastructure.

8. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

- 8.1 There are no Sustainable Action for a Greener Environment implications.

9. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 We have a statutory duty to publish a CYPP every three years. We have recently agreed a new three year plan to 2012 and have therefore met our legal requirements.

10. EFFICIENCY STATEMENT

- 10.1 Through clearer prioritisation in the new CYPP, we can better align resources against the delivery of priorities therefore maximising their impact. Performance data and assessments of progress formed part of the needs analysis used by each of the delivery groups when developing their priorities.

**Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended)
List of "Background Papers" used in the preparation of this report**

Brief description of “back ground papers”	Name and telephone number of holder and address where open to inspection.
Tower Hamlets’ Children and Young People’s Plan 2006-2009	www.towerhamlets.gov.uk
Tower Hamlets’ Children and Young People’s Plan: Annual Review and Update 2008	www.towerhamlets.gov.uk
Tower Hamlets’ Children and Young People’s Plan 2009-2012	www.childrenandfamilies.trust.co.uk
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11. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Children and Young People’s Plan Review 2008-2009