

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 5 September 2024

Report of the Executive Director of Education and Children's Services

Part I

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Corporate Priorities:
Caring for the vulnerable;
Delivering better services;
Supporting economic growth;

Lancashire Children and Young People's Plan 2024-2028

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Brief Summary

The Lancashire Children and Young People's Plan 2024-2028 sets out the county council's vision and priorities to ensure that children and young people are safe, healthy, happy, develop skills for life and are active citizens who feel they have a voice and influence.

Subject to agreement by Cabinet, and the production of a version for publication, the final draft of the Lancashire Children and Young People's Plan 2024-2028 will be presented to Full Council for approval in October 2024.

Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to recommend that Full Council approves the Lancashire Children and Young People's Plan 2024-2028, as set out at Appendix 'A', in accordance with the county council's constitution.

Detail

Lancashire is home to 287,989 children and young people aged 0-19, representing 23% of the population. The county council wants Lancashire to be the best place in



the UK and the best place for children and young people to grow up in, to thrive from early years in to adulthood.

The Children and Young People's Plan 2024-2028 outlines the county council's vision and strategic priorities to ensure that children and young people in Lancashire are safe, healthy, happy, develop skills for life and are active citizens who feel they have a voice and influence.

The Plan reflects the voices of children and young people, and builds upon the priorities agreed with the county council's partners through forums including Lancashire's Health and Wellbeing Board, the Lancashire Children, Young People and Families Partnership and the Lancashire SEND Partnership.

Success will be measured through a performance dashboard, tracking progress in key areas such as safety, health, happiness and learning. This will help the county council to celebrate achievements and address challenges.

Subject to the agreement of Cabinet, the county council's design team will produce a version of the draft Plan for publication, and the Plan will be submitted to Full Council for approval in October 2024.

Appendices

Appendix 'A' is attached to this report. For clarification, it is summarised below and referenced at relevant points within this report.

Appendix	Title
Appendix 'A'	Draft Lancashire Children and Young People's Plan 2024-2028

Consultations

The draft Lancashire Children and Young People's Plan 2024-2028 has been informed by children and young people, and the shared priorities agreed with the county council's partners.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Legal

The Children and Young People's Plan (England) Regulations 2005, as amended by the Children and Young People's Plan (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2007, places a requirement on the county council to set out a strategy for discharging its functions in relation to children and young people.

Through publication of the Lancashire Children and Young People's Plan 2024-2028, the council will comply with the legislative requirements.



Financial

There are no financial implications arising directly from the recommendations within this report. Any initiatives required to deliver the Lancashire Children and Young People's Plan in future years that require additional funding to existing budgets will be considered by Cabinet as appropriate.

Risk management

No significant risk management implications have been identified.

Equality and Cohesion

The Lancashire Children and Young People's Plan 2024-28 affects the age (children and young people) protected characteristics group particularly but will also impact those with other protected characteristics including sex, ethnicity and disability. The aims of the Plan should have a positive impact on all the general aims of the Equality Act's Public Sector Equality Duty but will be particularly relevant to its general aim of advancing equality of opportunity and, by the nature of the Plan's objective to increase the voice of children and young people, the sub-aim of increasing participation in public life.

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
None		
Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate		
N/A		

