

Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting: 28 September 2020

Report Title: Vision for children and young people in Cheshire East

Portfolio Holder: Cllr Kathryn Flavell – Portfolio Holder for Children and Families

Senior Officer: Mark Palethorpe – Executive Director of People

1. Report Summary

- 1.1 We have developed an overarching vision for what we want to achieve for children and young people in Cheshire East. This will be used to ensure all practitioners working with children and young people have a shared aim and are clear on the expectation that all work should be done **together** with children, young people and families.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to:
- Endorse and adopt the vision for children and young people in Cheshire East
 - Promote the vision widely
 - Provide support and challenge to ensure these outcomes for children are achieved and decisions are made in children and young people's best interests.

3. Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1. Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee has a key role in ensuring that, as a Council, we achieve strong outcomes for all our children, young people and families, particularly those that are more vulnerable to poorer outcomes and need additional help and support.

- 3.2. We believe establishing a shared vision will help to support us to achieve strong outcomes for children across the partnership.

4. Other Options Considered

- 4.1 Not applicable.

5. Background Information

- 5.1 When Ofsted carried out their inspection in November 2019, inspectors felt that although the voice of the child was embedded within services and was a strength, and partnerships were mature and responsive, that practitioners would benefit from a clear overarching vision which set out what we wanted to achieve for children and young people.
- 5.2 A considerable amount of work has already taken place with our children, young people, families, communities and partnerships to establish our existing effective partnership plans and strategies, such as the Corporate Parenting Strategy, Children and Young People's Plan, Early Help Together Strategy, SEND Strategy, and Safeguarding Children's Partnership Business Plan. This work has informed the development of the vision, which pulls together the different elements of all of these plans into one place.
- 5.3 The vision is based on what children, young people, parents, carers and practitioners have told us is important to them. This will be used to ensure all practitioners working with children and young people are really ambitious for our children, and have a shared aim and are clear on the expectation that all work should be done **together** with children, young people and families.
- 5.4 Our vision is included within the Appendix. The content has been shared with children, young people, parents, carers and staff across the partnership, and their feedback has been incorporated into the final version.

6. Implications of the Recommendations

6.1 Legal Implications

- 6.1.1 There are no legal implications of this report.

6.2 Finance Implications

- 6.2.1 The design work on the promotional materials for the vision are being funded from the Troubled Families budget.

6.3 Policy Implications

- 6.3.1 There are no policy implications.

6.4 Equality Implications

6.4.1 Part of our vision is achieving respectful and inclusive communities.

6.5 Human Resources Implications

6.5.1 There are no additional human resource implications.

6.6 Risk Management Implications

6.6.1 Establishing a shared vision and the expectation that all work is carried out together with children, young people and families will help us to achieve better outcomes for children and young people.

6.7 Rural Communities Implications

6.7.1 There are no implications for rural communities.

6.8 Implications for Children & Young People/Cared for Children

6.8.1 Establishing a shared vision and the expectation that all work is carried out together with children, young people and families will help us to achieve better outcomes for children and young people.

6.9 Public Health Implications

6.9.1 The vision includes promoting healthy lifestyles and positive choices for children and young people.

6.10 Climate Change Implications

6.10.1 There are no climate change implications.

7 Ward Members Affected

7.1 All ward members.

8 Consultation & Engagement

8.1 Children and young people have been consulted and their views have informed the development of the vision.

9 Access to Information

- 9.1 Further background information relating to this report can be obtained by contacting the officer below.

10 Contact Information

- 10.1 Any questions relating to this report should be directed to the following officer:

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