

**ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO DEPUTY LEADER**

<b>1. Meeting:</b>	<b>DEPUTY LEADER</b>
<b>2. Date:</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> July 2012</b>
<b>3. Title:</b>	<b>CYPS Commissioning Priorities 2012/13</b>
<b>4. Directorate:</b>	<b>Strategic Commissioning, Resources</b>

**5. Summary:**

**This paper sets out the advised commissioning priorities for CYPS for 2012/13. The priorities have been identified by the members of CYPS Directorate Leadership Team (DLT).**

**The attached table identifies the priority, the responsible officer, timeline and progress.**

**An accompanying risk matrix is being developed to support the achievement of priorities through mitigation of identified risks.**

**6. Recommendations**

**Deputy Leader is asked to:**

- 6.1 Note and endorse the CYPS Strategic Commissioning priorities for 2012/13**
- 6.2 Receive further papers on the progress of achieving the commissioning priorities**

## 7.1 Background

Significant progress has been achieved in the last year (11/12) in CYPS commissioning approaches. This includes, but is not restricted to: removal of the reservation fee when a placement is sourced with an independent sector provider; support in the development of a Multi Agency Support Panel (MASP) which has resulted in cost avoidance of over £3 million; commissioning of a specialist provider for Looked After Children (LAC) for more intensive step up support achieving a reduction in spend for each placement; the development of a framework for Independent Fostering Agencies (IFAs) to deliver high quality provision and achieve financial efficiencies of £80,000; a sub-regional commissioning approach for justice restorative work and a regional approach to procurement of a preferred partner for LAC out of authority residential care, leveraging the market to achieve efficiencies on the highest cost placements for the authority.

The priorities set out the work to progress in 2012/13, all of these priorities have been identified by members of CYPS DLT and have been reported to the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families. The table sets out the priority, the responsible officer, timeline and progress. An accompanying risk matrix is being developed to support the achievement of priorities through mitigation of identified risks.

The listed strategic commissioning priorities for CYPS will without doubt have further inclusions throughout 12/13. An example of this is the recent addition of a review to identify opportunities for a partner for Habershon House outdoor education centre. The resource capacity to deliver these priorities will be assessed on an ongoing basis and there may be a need to review timelines to accommodate the high number of complex priorities.

The intention of strategic commissioning officers is to work in an open transparent way to support CYPS achieve the priorities set out in the CYPS Service Plan – Plan on a page to improve life chances for children and young people in Rotherham. The paper identifies the lead commissioning officer and the lead from the CYPS Directorate or, for example, in the Transport priority the officer collaborating is based in EDS.

The work to achieve the priorities is progressing well with the majority of priorities being Green or Amber. There is currently one priority which is rated Red – raising the profile of commissioning across the Directorate which is now progressing with an M2/M3 event.

Other areas of work are also being undertaken in strategic commissioning such as the eMarketplace – Connect to Support Rotherham and achievement of financial efficiencies of £2.2 million

across Resources Directorate which are not reported in with the CYPS priorities but are captured in the Strategic Commissioning CYPS team plan.

**8. Finance**

There is no relevant financial information required for this report.

**9. Risks and Uncertainties**

There is a risk that should the commissioning priorities not be developed and delivered in partnership with the CYPS DLT then the objective of improving the life chances for children and delivering efficiencies will not be achieved

**10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications**

All of the CYPS commissioning priorities link to the corporate strategic plan and the 29 outcomes

**11. Background Papers and Consultation**

None relevant

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