

Report of the Strategic Director Children's Services to the meeting of the Executive to be held on 3 January 2023

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Subject:

Bradford District Prevention & Early Help Strategy 2022-2025

Summary statement:

The Bradford District Prevention and Early Help Strategy sets out Children's Services vision and approach to meeting its responsibilities to provide support to children and young people across the district.

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY:

There are no direct implications for equality and diversity arising from this report. The Council has a duty to ensure that its services comply with the public sector equality duty.

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Overview & Scrutiny Area:

Children's Services

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report introduces the proposed Bradford District Prevention & Early Help Strategy for 2022 to 2025.
- 1.2 People need to be able to access prevention and early intervention services quickly and at any time in their lives. It is important to have a comprehensive ongoing strategy for prevention to ensure that organisations in the public sector and in the third sector are joined up in their approaches and maximise the available resources.
- 1.3 The Prevention and Early Help Strategic Board have produced a Strategy to outline their commitment to Prevention and Early Help.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 A refreshed strategy has been drafted and takes into consideration the findings of the McAllister review and the opportunities available through the Start for Life Programme. We are aiming for a coherent and creative approach across the district to:
 - Make Prevention and Early Help more accessible – Nearer, Simpler and Earlier for families – starting with separating the need to refer to the Integrated Front Door;
 - Expand and build on the existing Hubs to include additional services for families, making them more accessible;
 - Explore opportunities to deliver Prevention and Early Help within existing additional community locations;
 - Refresh partnership engagement and area based working – including the Prevention and Early Help Board;
 - Develop a consultation group(s) for Co-production (drawing on Family Hubs Start for Life guidance);
 - Offer support to Families at the Right Time, by the Right People, having the Right Conversations or Supporting Families.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 None.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 4.1 There are no financial implications.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- 5.1 There are no risk management or governance issues.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

- 6.1 The local authority has a statutory duty under the Children Act 1989 to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in need and to promote their upbringing by their families by providing a range and level of services appropriate to those children's

needs. Working Together To Safeguard Children Statutory Guidance 2018 sets out how this duty should be met and S10 Children Act 2004 requires the local authority to make arrangements to promote co-operation between the Local Authority, its partners and others with a view to improving the well-being of children. In making such arrangements, the local authority must have regard to the importance of parents and other persons caring for children in improving the well-being of children.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

7.2 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

Not applicable.

7.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

7.4 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

Not applicable.

7.5 TRADE UNION

Not applicable.

7.6 WARD IMPLICATIONS

This is a district wide strategy.

7.7 IMPLICATIONS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

As corporate parents we want to ensure that our children and young people receive good quality care and resources to promote positive outcomes for them.

7.8 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Not applicable.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

8.1 None.

9. OPTIONS

9.1 Option 1: Approve the Strategy as presented.

9.2 Option 2: Make suggestions and recommendation for consideration.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 That the Bradford District Prevention and Early Help Strategy 2022-25 be approved.

11. APPENDICES

11.1 The Bradford District Prevention and Early Help Strategy 2022-2025.

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

12.1 Not applicable.