



Report to COUNCIL

Oldham Children, Young People and Families Plan 2025-26

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Reason for Decision

The Oldham Children, Young People and Families Plan 2025-26 has been presented to and considered by Julie Daniels, Executive Director Children and Young People, the Children's Achieving Excellence Board, the Oldham Safeguarding Children Partnership and the Children and Young People Scrutiny Board.

The plan requires Council approval.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Oldham Children, Young People and Families Plan 2025-26 detailed in appendix 1 be approved.

Oldham Children, Young People and Families Plan 2025-26**1 Background**

- 1.1 Under Part 2: Article 4 of the Article of the Constitution, Council is required to approve the Children and Young People Strategic Plan.
- 1.2 The Oldham Children, Young People and Families Plan 2025-26 sets out the strategic direction for the children and young people directorate, taking a partnership approach to achieving our ambition and outcomes so that Oldham is a community where children, young people and families thrive and lead healthier, happier lives.
- 1.3 This plan has been developed based on local management information and performance and quality assurance data and intelligence to meet the needs of children, young people and families in Oldham.

2 Current Position

- 2.1 This plan has been presented to and considered by Julie Daniels, Executive Director Children and Young People, the Children's Achieving Excellence Board, the Oldham Safeguarding Children Partnership and the Children and Young People Scrutiny Board.
- 2.2 The plan outlines across Children's Social Care and Early Help and Education, Early Years, Skills and SEND the key strategic priorities (4 P's), change and improvement programmes, Key Performance Indicators (as reported in the quarterly Performance Assurance Report), and the Risks that could impact the delivery of the plan, with clear mitigating actions to prevent risks being realised.
- 2.3 Progress of the plan will be monitored by the Oldham Safeguarding Children Partnership and the Children and Young People Scrutiny Board.

3 Options/Alternatives

- 3.1 As it is outlined in the Article of the Constitution Policy Framework, it is not possible to provide an alternative option to this plan.

4 Preferred Option

- 4.1 To approve the Children, Young People and Families Plan 2025-26.

5 Consultation

- 5.1 Service leaders and the workforce continue to have a relentless focus on providing timely, high quality support and intervention work with children, young people, and families, and are driving ambitious and innovative transformation within a culture of continuous learning and improvement.
- 5.2 Council-wide and partnership strategies with an increased focus on early intervention and prevention in local communities seek to address the high levels of demand for statutory services. Additionally, through the continued delivery of this plan, Children and Young

People Services in Oldham are keeping children and young people safe, improving outcomes and are in a strong position to further improve the delivery of timely and effective services to children, young people and their families.

6 Financial Implications

6.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report. (Nicola Harrop – Finance Manager)

7 Legal Implications

7.1 No legal implications identified (Mike Grocott Solicitor)

8 Equality Impact, including implications for Children and Young People

8.1 Not required as the recommended option is for services to continue.

9 Key Decision

9.1 No

10 Key Decision Reference

11.1 N/A

12 Background Papers

12.1 None

13 Appendices

13.1 Appendix 1 – Oldham Children, Young People and Families Plan 2025-26

