MEETING DATE: 12TH SEPTEMBER 2016

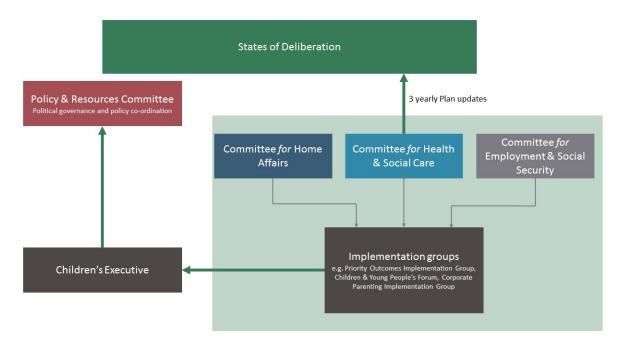
ITEM 5B - UPDATE ON THE CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN

In February 2016 (Billet d'Etat III), the States approved the Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP). The Resolutions included references to future governance of the implementation of the Plan, as set out within the policy letter, and this was duly considered by the Partnership Board (the body responsible for developing the CYPP), before it was disbanded at the end of the last term of government.

Following further consideration and consultation with the Partnership Board, the third sector and across the Committees involved, the Policy & Resources Committee decided to establish an oversight committee called the Children's Executive.

Governance structure

The Children's Executive is to be accountable to the Policy & Resources Committee for the delivery of the CYPP, as outlined in the image below.



Membership

It is intended that the governance structure is similar to that of the SLAWs with some commonality of membership between the Children's Executive and the SLAWs Supervisory Group, in that the responsible Committees will have representatives, (not necessarily the same individual), on each group. This will help to ensure links between the two strategies are maintained at the Committee level.

Political

A representative from:

The Policy & Resources Committee; Chair - Social Policy Champion – Deputy Jane Stephens

The Committee for Health & Social Care;

The Committee for Home Affairs; and

The Committee for Education, Sport & Culture

Third sector

A representative from:

Guernsey Community Foundation (GCF)

Youth Commission

Officers

Chief Strategy & Policy Officer Chief Secretary Health & Social Care; Chief Secretary Home Affairs; and Chief Secretary Education, Sport & Culture

Mandate

The Children's Executive will be responsible for:

- Leadership, co-ordination and monitoring of the CYPP's commitments and outcomes;
- Commissioning delivery of the Plan actions;
- Reporting on performance to the Policy & Resources Committee;
- Holding partners to account for delivering outcomes and meeting targets;
- Maximising opportunities for cross-agency working and sharing knowledge;
- Maintaining the Plan and co-ordinating the review process;
- Ensuring that the voices of children and young people are heard.

In addition, in the role of Corporate Parent it will:

- Secure engagement across agencies to progress issues affecting children who are in care or leaving care;
- Promote the best interests of those children and young people, and champion their rights and needs;
- Ensure that States service areas provide opportunities for children and young people in care to achieve outcomes that are as good as those of their non-care experienced peers;
- Hold to account those responsible for delivering services for children and young people.

Meeting frequency

To be determined by the group once it is formed, but expected to be quarterly.

Administrative support

To be provided by officers based at the Office of the Policy & Resources Committee.

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