

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
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CHILDREN, SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES SERVICE PLAN 2002/2007

Report of the County Secretary considered by the Cabinet on 28 January 2002

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Executive Member:- Robert Gordon

1. Purpose of the report

To seek Council approval to the Children, Schools and Families Service Plan 2002/2007, which forms part of the Council's Policy Framework.

2. Background

The Plan (attached as an Appendix) is designed to describe all of the key developments arising from the 35 different plans required for the Children, Schools and Families service, and includes the key Performance Measures for the service.

This has been through an extensive consultation process. Stakeholder conferences were held in July and October 2001. The initial draft of the plan, was discussed at the October meeting of the CSF Select Committee. Since then it has been discussed at all CSF Member Panels, Partnership Groups, Early Years Partnerships and Area Child Protection Committee meetings. A large number of responses were received indicating broad support for the content of the Plan but also offering a number of suggestions for improvement. All of the responses are available in the member's lounge.

The Plan was considered in detail at the meeting of the Strategy Panel held on 16 January 2002 and their comments were incorporated into the document presented to Cabinet on 28 January.

The Cabinet on 28 January resolved:

- (1) *That subject to (2) below, the Children, Schools and Families Service Development Plan 2002/07 be recommended to County Council for approval*
- (2) *That the Director of Children, Schools and Families, in consultation with the Executive Member, make changes reflecting comments at the CSF Strategy Panel, CSF Scrutiny Committee and the Executive and, in particular*
 - *an introduction by the Executive Member*

- *in paragraph 1.6.3 the contingent nature of the proposal to pilot Full Service Schools*
- *in paragraph 3.6 (and associated targets) the distinction between seeking to reduce behaviour justifying exclusion and maintaining exclusion and an appropriate response to unacceptable behaviour*
- *improvements in draftsmanship arising from final proof reading and editing.*

3. Conclusion

The Council now needs to decide whether to approve the Children, Schools and Families Service Plan 2002/2007.