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# **Islington Children and Young People's Plan 2006/07 – 2008/09**

## **Appendix E: Methodology used for developing this Plan**

## WHAT WE NEEDED TO DO

As a result of Children Act 2004, the Council and its partners needed to:

- develop, prepare and publish the Children and Young People's Plan (C&YP Plan) which will set out how Islington will secure the outcomes for children and young people set out in the Children Act 2004 by 1 April 2006
- use Islington's process of joint planning to enable all key partners to agree clear targets and priorities for all services to children and young people, identify the actions and activities needed to achieve them, and ensure delivery
- make the C&YP Plan a living strategic document that sets the framework within which all services for children, young people and their families will be delivered in Islington
- use the views of children, young people, their families and others such as the community and voluntary sector to inform the priorities, actions and activities that would make Islington a better place for children and young people

Regulations required the C&YP Plan to cover:

- a local vision for children and young people
- an assessment of needs in relation to the outcomes
- improvements which the authority intend to make during the plan period to the outcomes for children and young people
- priorities and key actions planned to achieve the outcomes
- a statement of how resources will be deployed to achieve the outcomes
- an explanation of how the plan relates to arrangements for performance management and review of services
- the arrangements for co-operation under the duty to co-operate with other partners
- an explanation of how the C&YP Plan is consistent with the strategic plans of local partners.

## OUR APPROACH

Developing the Plan was organised into three stages, which took into account the elements of the planning process as outlined in the draft guidance.

### **Stage 1: An audit of outcomes and needs**

Between May and September 2005, an audit of outcomes/needs was carried out to identify what life is like for children and young people in Islington and how far local services are achieving good outcomes for children and young people. All available information was used, focused in particular on the information that would be required for the new integrated inspection process (Joint Area Review and Annual Performance Assessment). This ensured that there was consistency with the whole improvement cycle and aimed to enable a streamlined monitoring and review process following publication of the Plan. Evidence from surveys and consultations with children and young people carried out by services in Islington, the Children's Commission, Prevention and Early Intervention Framework and other strategies such as Islington's Child and Adolescent Mental Health Strategy were also used.

### **Stage 2: Identifying the priorities and actions to make life better for children and young people in Islington**

A series of 5 workshops organised around the Every Child Matters outcomes were held in September and October 2005 to develop, identify and propose actions that would improve outcomes for children and young people in Islington. Each workshop had a lead officer from Islington Children's Partnership Programme Team. These workshops were attended by representatives including:

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- Early Years services
- Youth services including Connexions
- School improvement and support services
- Education, training and employment services for children, young people and adults such as schools and universities linked to Islington
- Housing services
- Public Health
- Leisure services
- Community safety
- Child protection
- Road safety
- Primary care services such as dental services
- Social care services
- Youth offending services
- Community and voluntary sector

The suggested priorities and actions from the five workshops were collated together and formed a consultation document which was published on the Islington website and circulated through a variety of networks. An invitation to comment was sent to a wide list of stakeholders including the community and voluntary sector. These suggested priorities and actions were also discussed with a range of stakeholders including children and young people and parents.

### **Stage 3: Finalising and publishing Islington's Children & Young People's Plan**

The final co-ordination and sign off arrangements for the Plan were dealt with through a group of senior officers to quality assure the final Plan.