



Report of: **Executive Member for Children and Families**

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SUBJECT: Response to the Fair Futures Commission recommendations

1. Synopsis

- 1.1 Following a year of co-creating insights and ideas for how to make Islington a great place to grow up in, the Fair Futures Commission published its final report, [A Future for Us](#), with recommendations in February 2018.
- 1.2 The Commission's recommendations fall into five long-term ambitions:
 1. 21st century skills for growing up
 2. 21st century skills for work and the future of work
 3. A child-friendly place to live and grow
 4. Connected communities
 5. Alliances for ambitious and fairer futures

It also includes messages to central government and other organisations such as the National Citizen Service, universities, housing partners including developers and businesses to work together with the Council in pursuit of fairness for children and young people.

- 1.3 Everyone and every part of the council has a part to play to help build resilience in children, young people, their families and the local community. In light of the significant budget challenges faced by the Council, the responses reflect opportunities to drive positive change whilst remaining pragmatic about what can be achieved with our potential financial, physical and human resources in future.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To approve the Council's response to the Fair Futures Commission recommendations attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

3. Background

- 3.1 The response to the Commission's recommendations forms a framework for action focused on the prevention aspect of prevention and early intervention. It is an opportunity to align and work together in

a more efficient way in pursuit of our goal towards making Islington a fairer place for children and young people. To this end, the Islington CCG Board agreed their respective recommendations and these are incorporated into the response report.

- 3.2 A number of the Council's commitments in the Corporate Plan 2018/22 drew on the Commission's recommendations. The relevant responses reflect and take forward these commitments.
- 3.3 The individual responses are shaped into project outlines for short to medium term systemic change. It is key that where these projects overlap with consideration of the Council's budget, the monitoring of achieving our financial objectives and the response objectives are aligned.
- 3.4 Following the publication of the response report, the Fair Futures Commission will officially wind down. It will be replaced by a revised 'Children's Board' to oversee implementation of the recommendations and report back on progress (see section 5 in Appendix 1). This implements the Commission's recommendation about partnership oversight, leadership and ensuring that we all follow through on taking forward their recommendations with grip and at pace

4. Implications

4.1 Financial implications:

The recommendations of the Fair Futures Commission are to be implemented within existing budgets.

4.2 Legal Implications:

The council has a duty under section 10 of the Children Act 2004 to promote cooperation with relevant partners (including health, education, police and probation services) regarding children's well-being in Islington, and relevant partners have a duty to cooperate with the council. The focus of the arrangements referred to is children's physical and mental health and emotional, social and economic well-being; protection from harm and neglect; and education, training and recreation.

4.3 Environmental Implications

The recommendations could have environmental implications which will need to be reflected in the implementation of the responses.

4.4 Resident Impact Assessment:

The council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and to advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations, between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it (section 149 Equality Act 2010). The council has a duty to have due regard to the need to remove or minimise disadvantages, take steps to meet needs, in particular steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities, and encourage people to participate in public life. RIAs for relevant responses to the Commission's recommendations will be completed to improve equality for some key groups. These will be available from tania.townsend@islington.gov.uk.

5. Reason for recommendations

- 5.1 The Council and its partners were asked to respond to the Commission's report setting out how they intend to meet the recommendations. The response report:
 - formally sets out what we are going to do to deliver the Commission's Calls to Action, taking into account potential budget challenges
 - incorporates the relevant Council Corporate Plan commitments which are the basis for future action and decisions

- updates and replaces the existing Children and Families Prevention and Early Intervention Strategy until 2025 so that there is a clear framework for action at the heart of what we do for children and young people

Appendices

- Appendix 1: Response to A Future for Us - Framework for Action

Background papers: None

Final report clearance:

Signed by:



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