



Report of: Corporate Director of People

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Children's Services Scrutiny Committee	11 February 2019	All
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SUBJECT: Fair Futures Strategy – Progress Update

1. Synopsis

- 1.1 This report provides a progress update on implementing the recommendations from the Fair Futures Commission.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To note and discuss the progress update.

3. Background

- 3.1 Islington Council is committed to making Islington a fairer place for all. At the heart of this mission is ensuring that everyone has the best start in life and is supported to achieve their dreams, regardless of their background. We are embarking on an exciting approach, Fairer Together, that will put in place a new borough-wide prevention and early intervention model in which partners work better together in partnership to deliver improved outcomes for local people.

We want all children and young people in Islington to start well and develop well. By 2025, Islington should be a place where:

- children and young people can achieve the very best wellbeing outcomes and have the resilience and creativity to thrive;

- parents and carers have the knowledge, skills and confidence to provide the environment in which children can thrive; and
- the community – made up of our residents, businesses, the state, charitable and community organisations - is the economic, physical and social infrastructure which supports children and young people to thrive.

3.2 During 2017, the Fair Futures Commission chaired by young adults, Jermain Jackman and Kadeema Woodbyrne, took a radical look at how the council and its partners could begin a journey to a child friendly Islington by making it the best place for children and young people to grow up in. Over 200 individuals and organisations took part in the Commission's work. 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.

3.3 The Commission's recommendations fall into five long-term ambitions for Islington which have been adopted as part of the Fair Futures Strategy:

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 included 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 and CCG in pursuit of fairness for children and young people.

3.4 In October 2018, the Islington Clinical Commissioning Group and the Council Executive agreed to implement the Commission's recommendations and set out how they intended to make this reality. A number of the Council's Corporate Plan and the Council Executive's manifesto commitments drew on the Commission's recommendations. The response to the Commission's recommendations, the Fair Future Strategy, provided 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.

3.5 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 set out what we are going to do to deliver the Commission's Calls to Action

- updated and replaced the previous 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.

3.6 Appendix A sets out the progress on implementing the response to the Fair Futures recommendations.

4. Implications

4.1 **Financial Implications:**
Not applicable

4.2 **Legal Implications:**
Not applicable

4.3 **Environmental Implications and contribution to achieving a net zero carbon Islington by 2030:**
Not applicable

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. The council must have due regard to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding.

A Resident Impact Assessment has not been completed because this report only provides an overview of implementing a programme of work.

Appendices

- Appendix A – Fair Futures Strategy: Progress Update, January 2020

Background papers:

- None

**Signed
by:**



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