



CABINET	
Subject Heading:	Sign off of the Early Help Strategy 2022 – 2024
Decision Maker:	Councillor Oscar Ford
Cabinet Member:	As above
SLT Lead:	Tara Geere, Director of Childrens Services
Report Author and contact details:	Helen Harding, Strategic Head of Service for Early Help, Targeted Support, MASH and Youth Justice
Policy context:	Early Help Strategy 2022-2024 to support children, young people and families within Havering
Financial summary:	<i>There are no Financial Implications arising directly from the approval of the Early Help Strategy. It is expected that it will be implemented from within existing resources and budgets The strategy incorporates the impact of the savings the service will be delivering between 2022-24.</i>
Relevant OSC:	People
Is this decision exempt from being called-in?	The decision will be exempt from call in as it is a Non key Decision

Non-key Executive Decision

The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

People - Things that matter for residents X

Place - A great place to live, work and enjoy

Resources - A well run Council that delivers for People and Place.

Non-key Executive Decision

Part A – Report seeking decision

DETAIL OF THE DECISION REQUESTED AND RECOMMENDED ACTION

This decision is to approve the Early Help Strategy which has been drawn up in Partnership with multi-agency partners working with children, young people and families across Havering

AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH DECISION IS MADE

Cite here the authority in the Constitution, or the Cabinet decision, under which the executive decision or key decision is made. Individual Cabinet members' responsibilities for functions are set out in Part 3, section 2.2 of the Constitution.

STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To ensure the Strategy for delivering Early Help and Intervention services across Havering is approved and implemented across the multi-agency Partnership

Statutory Guidance on Early Help is provided by Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018 (updated 2020), in relation to identifying children and families who would benefit from Early Help; effective assessment of the need for Early Help; provision of effective Early Help services; and accessing help and services. This strategy explains how the statutory guidance will be delivered locally.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Havering should have an updated and implemented Early Help Strategy. We have considered the option of not having a strategy in place and have rejected this option as it is best practice to ensure one is in place

PRE-DECISION CONSULTATION

Partners have been fully engaged with the drafting and production of the Early Help Strategy and there is no obligation to consult with the public/residents specifically in relation to it's development

NAME AND JOB TITLE OF STAFF MEMBER ADVISING THE DECISION-MAKER

Name:

Designation:

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Signature:

Date:

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Part B - Assessment of implications and risks

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

The recommendations made in this strategy do not give rise to any identifiable legal risks or implications that would affect the council or its workforce.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

There are no Financial Implications arising directly from the approval of the Early Help Strategy. It is expected that it will be implemented from within existing resources and budgets.

The strategy incorporates the impact of the savings the service will be delivering between 2022-24

There is a risk that the cost of the Strategy cannot be contained within existing budgets. If this is the case, either additional funding will be identified from elsewhere within Childrens Services or delivery plans amended accordingly.

Any significant issues will be raised through the appropriate channels.

**HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS
(AND ACCOMMODATION IMPLICATIONS WHERE RELEVANT)**

The recommendations made in this strategy do not give rise to any identifiable HR risks or implications that would affect either the Council or its workforce.

EQUALITIES AND SOCIAL INCLUSION IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

The recommendations in this strategy will positively impact residents, children and families in respect of equalities and diversities and look to ensure inclusive services are in place at the earliest opportunity

An equalities impact assessment has been completed as part of this process

ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

The recommendations made in this strategy do not give rise to any identifiable, negative climate change implications that would affect either the Council or its workforce as set out by Havering's climate change committee

» [Climate Change Committee Guidance \(havering.gov.uk\)](https://www.havering.gov.uk)

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

APPENDICIES

Appendix A	Early Help Strategy 2022-2024	Open and attached
Appendix B	<i>detail</i>	<i>Open</i>
Appendix C	<i>detail</i>	<i>Open</i>

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Part C – Record of decision

I have made this executive decision in accordance with authority delegated to me by the Leader of the Council and in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution.

Decision

Proposal agreed

Delete as applicable

Proposal NOT agreed because

Details of decision maker

Signed

Name:

Cabinet Portfolio held:

CMT Member title:

Head of Service title

Other manager title:

Date:

Lodging this notice

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For use by Committee Administration

This notice was lodged with me on _____

Signed _____