



**25 April 2016**

**Agenda Item: 4**

## **REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND CULTURAL SERVICES**

### **CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES PLAN 2016-18**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to invite the Children and Young People's Committee to note Nottinghamshire's Children, Young People and Families Plan for the period April 2016 to March 2018, attached as **Appendix 1**, and recommend it to Policy Committee for approval at its meeting on 18 May 2016.

#### **Information and Advice**

2. The Children, Young People and Families Plan (CYPF Plan) 2016-18 will be the joint strategic plan of Nottinghamshire Children's Trust and will replace the existing plan for 2014 to 2016. It describes how Nottinghamshire County Council will fulfill its statutory responsibility, as the lead partner in the Children's Trust, to make arrangements to promote co-operation to improve children's well-being as outlined in Section 10 of the Children Act 2004.
3. The CYPF Plan identifies the key areas where by working together the partnership can make the greatest difference to the lives of children, young people and families in Nottinghamshire.
4. The CYPF Plan provides a strategic overview of what will be delivered over the next two years including the expected impact on the lives of children, young people and families. The CYPF Plan provides links to the supporting strategies and plans which will provide further detail including specific performance measures.
5. The CYPF Plan identifies four priorities for the period 2016-2018. These priorities are:
  - Children and young people are safe in Nottinghamshire
  - Children and young people are happy and healthy in Nottinghamshire
  - Children and young people achieve their potential in Nottinghamshire
  - Children, young people and families receive the support they need when required in Nottinghamshire.
6. The CYPF Plan's priorities have been informed by the evidence of the local needs of children, young people and families from the Nottinghamshire Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) which identifies the current and future health and wellbeing needs

of the local population. This information is regularly used for the commissioning of services within Nottinghamshire.

7. The CYPF Plan was also informed by data on the performance of the County Council's services, and of partner organisations, as well as inspection findings.
8. The priorities for the CYPF Plan have been consulted on with a range of stakeholders including the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board, front line practitioners and their managers through a series of Children's Trust Roadshow events, and with children and young people through the Young People's Board. Wherever possible, existing consultations have also been used to inform the CYPF Plan. These include the consultation activity with children and young people for the Young People's Health Strategy, feedback from Children's Centres local advisory groups, and from parents and carers of disabled children and young people.
9. The priorities are in line with the Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Nottinghamshire (2014-2017) which focusses on ensuring the health and wellbeing needs of the people of Nottinghamshire are met. The CYPF Plan provides the delivery plan for the children and young people's section of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, including the two key priorities of the Health and Wellbeing Board regarding child sexual exploitation and emotional health and wellbeing.
10. To support the CYPF Plan, an annual improvement plan will be developed which will provide more detail on specific actions and responsibilities, including key performance measures. Progress with the improvement plan will be reported to the Children and Young People's Committee every six months.

### **Other Options Considered**

11. Although there is no statutory requirement for Children's Trusts to produce a joint plan, Nottinghamshire Children's Trust has taken the view that such a plan is needed to provide clarity about activities and responsibilities as well as a framework for managing performance improvement.

### **Reason/s for Recommendation/s**

12. The CYPF Plan 2016-18 has been devised on the basis of a rigorous needs analysis and after consultation with Children's Trust partners and other stakeholders.

### **Statutory and Policy Implications**

13. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, public sector equality duty, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

## **Implications for Service Users**

14. The principal service users affected are children, young people and their families, as the CYPF Plan identifies in the over-arching strategy and associated action plans for the delivery of services to them in 2016-18.

## **Financial Implications**

15. Activities identified within the CYPF Plan will be financed by existing budget allocations for the County Council and partner organisations.

## **Public Sector Equality Duty Implications**

16. The development of the CYPF Plan included an Equality Impact Assessment which is available as a background paper. This concluded that the plan was likely to have a positive impact for service users, as it aims to reduce inequalities, by identifying need and working together to address this within available resources.

## **Crime and Disorder Implications**

17. The Children's Trust will support work to address crime and disorder, while recognising that responsibility for this work rests with the Safer Nottinghamshire Board.

## **Safeguarding of Children Implications**

18. The CYPF Plan identifies how partner organisations within the Children's Trust will work together to safeguard children and promote their welfare.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

That the Committee:

- 1) notes the proposed Children and Young People and Families Plan for 2016-18, attached as **Appendix 1**
- 2) recommends the proposed Children and Young People and Families Plan for 2016-18 to Policy Committee for approval at its meeting on 18 May 2016.

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### **Constitutional Comments (SLB 24/03/16)**

19. Children and Young People's Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report.

### **Financial Comments (SS 31/03/16)**

20. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

### **Background Papers and Published Documents**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

[Joint Strategic Needs Assessment \(JSNA\) for Nottinghamshire](#)

Equality Impact Assessment

### **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All.

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