

**19 June 2017****Agenda Item: 6****REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR****CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND CULTURAL SERVICES: DEPARTMENTAL  
PRIORITIES AND KEY ACTIONS FOR 2017/18****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval of the Children, Families and Cultural Services department's priorities and key actions for the current year. These are set out on the poster attached as **Appendix 1**.

**Information and Advice**

2. As part of the Council's established business planning process, the department produces a number of annual service plans that collectively constitute the Council's service provision for children, young people and families. Individual service plans are framed around the department's overall vision and principles, which are themselves reviewed annually at the outset of the planning cycle. The service plans describe the detailed actions that will be undertaken over the coming year in pursuit of the outcomes that we aspire to achieve for children, young people and families.
3. The output from this process, including the key service level priorities for action, is summarised on the poster attached as **Appendix 1**, which acts as a departmental *business plan on a page*. It serves as an internal planning document, which is circulated to all staff and is displayed prominently in departmental bases around the County.
4. It aligns with the departmental performance indicator set that is reported on a quarterly basis to this Committee, and also with the Council-wide performance monitoring process that is reported to Policy Committee.
5. The key priorities for action also link into relevant partnership plans, such as the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board (NSCB) Business Plan and the Children, Young People and Families Plan which is managed through the Children's Trust Board.

**Other Options Considered**

6. No other options were considered; this is part of the Council-wide service planning process.

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

7. To support the Committee's ongoing consideration of matters relating to the provision of services to children, young people and families across Nottinghamshire.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

8. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

## **Financial Implications**

9. The department's vision and purpose reflect the reducing financial resources available to it.

## **Human Resources Implications**

10. Individual service plans and the department's key priorities for action reflect the resource availability and capacity to deliver them.

## **Safeguarding of Children and Adults at Risk Implications**

11. The department provides a range of specialist services to ensure that children and young people in Nottinghamshire receive the support and protection they need and will continue to ensure the most vulnerable children in the County are safe

## **Implications for Service Users**

12. One of the key principles for the department is to ensure that children and young people are engaged in the design and development of the services that the Council provides for them.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 1) That the Children, Families and Cultural Services department's priorities and key actions for the current year, attached as **Appendix 1**, be approved.

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**Constitutional Comments (LM 31/05/17)**

13. The recommendations in the report fall within the Terms of Reference of the Children and Young People's Committee.

**Financial Comments (SS 12/05/17)**

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

**Background Papers and Published Documents**

None

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

All.

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