

18 June 2018**Agenda Item: 6****REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, COMMISSIONING AND
RESOURCES****CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES PLAN 2016-2018 ANNUAL
UPDATE****Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide a review upon the conclusion of the Children, Young People and Families Plan 2016-2018.
2. To advise the Committee of the proposed direction of the Children's Trust from 2018 and seek approval to bring an update report to Committee on the work of the Children's Trust in 12 months.

Information

3. The Children, Young People and Families (CYPF) Plan 2016-2018 is the joint strategic plan of Nottinghamshire Children's Trust. It describes how Nottinghamshire County Council will fulfil its statutory responsibility, as the lead partner in the Children's Trust, to make arrangements to promote co-operation to improve children's wellbeing as outlined in Section 10 of the Children Act 2004.
4. The CYPF Plan was approved by Nottinghamshire Children's Trust in March 2016, and by the Council's Policy Committee in May 2016.
5. The CYPF Plan identified four priorities for the period 2016-2018:
 - 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 support when needed in Nottinghamshire.
6. In conclusion of the CYPF Plan, the Children's Trust has produced an outcomes report, attached as **Appendix A**, which details key activities delivered against the four priorities by partners during the life of the Plan.

Children's Trust arrangements moving forward

7. In October 2010 the Department of Education withdrew the statutory guidance around Children's Trust arrangements and the requirement to publish a joint children and young people plan. Section 10 of the Children's Act, to promote co-operation with partners to

improve children and young people's health and wellbeing remains, but withdrawal of the guidance freed local authorities to make local arrangements to better suit each area's needs and fit with local Health and Wellbeing Board arrangements.

8. At their April 2018 meeting, Children's Trust members discussed re-focussing the Trust and rebranding it to better reflect its activities going forward. Partners agreed to no longer produce an umbrella document that captured outcomes delivered by each agency that would be achieved with or without any Children's Trust involvement and to focus on the value added through the Trust arrangements. Partners also recognised that each service was subject to its own organisational performance management and external regulation so performance scrutiny from the Trust is no longer necessary or appropriate. However, the Trust committed to challenge and collaboration in order to further the ends of improving outcomes for children in the County.
9. Partners agreed their preference to re-focus on utilising their meeting time to collectively consider the issues that affect Nottinghamshire families, to review what measures are underway to address them and to seek to identify ways in which their own organisation could work differently to contribute to existing multi-agency arrangements or identify projects that could be collectively developed and delivered by the group. For example, at its June meeting the Trust will consider the 'Improving Life Chances for Children, Young People and Families Action Plan 2018-2020' to understand the issues for communities and actions to address them developed by the 'Improving Life Chances for Children and Families Partnership' with the aim of developing a deeper understanding of the issues and identifying opportunities to contribute to delivery of the Plan's aims.
10. The proposed changes to the Children's Trust will be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board at the earliest opportunity for consideration.

Other Options Considered

11. The option of not providing Committee with a review upon the conclusion of the Children, Young People and Families Plan 2016-18 was considered given the Health and Wellbeing Board's oversight. It was concluded that this would not provide Elected Members with assurance that the key activities had been delivered.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

12. To provide Members with an annual update on the work of the Children's Trust.

Statutory and Policy Implications

13. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, 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, smarter working, sustainability and the environment 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

14. There are no financial issues arising from this report.

Safeguarding of Children and Adults at Risk Implications

15. A key priority for the Children, Young People and Families Plan 2016-2018 has been keeping children and young people safe. This remains a priority for the Trust thereby supporting the work of the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children's Board.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That Committee agrees to receive an update on the work of the Children's Trust in 12 months and that this be included in the work programme.

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Constitutional Comments (LM 22/05/18)

16. The Children and Young People's Committee is the appropriate body to consider the contents of the report.

Financial Comments (SAS 22/05/18)

17. 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.

Children, Young People and Families Plan 2016-18 – report to Policy Committee on 18 May 2016

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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