

Children and Young People's Committee

Monday, 17 October 2016 at 10:30

County Hall, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP

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Meeting CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

Date 19 September 2016 (commencing at 10.30am)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with an 'A'

COUNCILLORS

John Peck JP (Chairman)
Kate Foale (Vice-Chairman)
Liz Plant (Vice-Chairman)

Nikki Brooks
Maureen Dobson
Boyd Elliott
Stephen Garner

Alice Grice
Stan Heptinstall MBE
Philip Owen
Sue Saddington

Ex-officio (non-voting)
A Alan Rhodes

CO-OPTED MEMBERS (NON-VOTING)

Vacancy
A Mr David Richards JP

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor John Wilmott

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Marion Clay	Children, Families and Cultural Services
Laurence Jones	Children, Families and Cultural Services
Katie Marsden	Children, Families and Cultural Services
Colin Pettigrew	Children, Families and Cultural Services
Chris Warren	Children, Families and Cultural Services
Alison Fawley	Resources
Geoff Russell	Resources

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2016, having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and were signed by the Chair.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr D Richards.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

It was reported that:

Councillor Stann Heptinstall had been appointed in place of Councillor Keith Longdon for this meeting only;

Councillor Stephen Garner had been appointed in place of Councillor Andy Sissons for this meeting only;

Councillor Nikki Brooks had been appointed in place of Councillor John Allin for this meeting only.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

PERFORMANCE REPORTING (QUARTER 1 2016-17) – SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The Chair introduced the report and lead officers responded to questions and comments from Members.

RESOLVED 2016/050

That the performance of the Council's services for children and young people during the period 1 April – 30 June 2016 be noted.

JOINT LOCAL AREA SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITY (SEND) INSPECTION IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

The Chair introduced the report and lead officers responded to questions and comments from Members.

RESOLVED 2016/051

- 1) That the positive outcome of the recent inspection of Nottinghamshire's effectiveness in implementing the Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) reforms as set out in the Children and Families Act 2014 be noted.
- 2) That the establishment of a SEND Accountability Board, chaired by the Chair of the Young Peoples Committee to oversee the development, monitoring and implementation of a multi-agency SEND Action Plan be approved.

REVIEW OF THE SHORTS BREAKS OFFER

The Chair introduced the report and lead officers responded to questions and comments from Members.

Paragraph 16 was amended as follows:

(with the agreement of NPH) was replaced with (without objection from NPH).

- 1) That approval be given to undertake a review of the Council's Short Breaks Offer to ensure that it continues to meet statutory requirements and the needs of children and young people with disabilities and their families, whilst being affordable.
- 2) That the recommendations resulting from the review be brought back to a future meeting of the Committee for consideration.

CHANGES TO THE STAFFING ESTABLISHMENT IN THE EARLY HELP AND YOUTH JUSTICE SERVICES

The Chair introduced the report and lead officers responded to questions and comments from Members.

RESOLVED 2016/053

That the changes to the staffing establishment of the Early Help and Youth Justice Services as detailed in the report be approved.

NEWARK FREE SCHOOL

The Chair introduced the report and lead officers responded to questions and comments from Members.

RESOLVED 2016/054

That the establishment of the new Newark-Toot Hill Free School be noted.

LOCAL AUTHORITY GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS AND AUTHORITY GOVERNOR REAPPOINTMENT TO SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES DURING THE PERIOD 1 JUNE TO 31 JULY 2016

RESOLVED 2016/055

That the appointment of Local Authority governors and the reappointment of an Authority governor to school governing bodies during the period 1 June to 31 July 2016 as listed in the report be noted.

WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED 2016/056

That the Committee's work programme be noted subject to a request for a six monthly report on Care Leavers be scheduled.

The meeting closed at 11.30 am.

CHAIRMAN

17 October 2016**Agenda Item: 04****REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE****NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD ANNUAL
REPORT 2015/16****Purpose of the Report**

1. To inform Members of the content of the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board's Annual Report 2015/16, which is available as a Background Paper.

Information and Advice

2. National statutory guidance, 'Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015', notes the requirement for the Chair of each Local Safeguarding Children Board to publish an annual report on the effectiveness of safeguarding in the local area. This report should recognise achievements and the progress that has been made in the local authority area as well as providing a realistic assessment of the challenges that still remain and the action being taken to address them. The report should include lessons from reviews undertaken within the reporting period.
3. The Annual Report should be made available to the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council, the local Police and Crime Commissioner, and the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board.
4. The Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board (NSCB) Annual Report 2015/16 is in a new shorter format designed to make it more accessible. It includes links to relevant documents already published on the NSCB website which provide further information.
5. The report outlines changes that have been made to the way the NSCB operates. New strategies have been developed to guide the work of the Board and its partners in relation to: child neglect; children exposed to parental substance misuse and/or mental ill health; and child sexual exploitation. Steps have been taken to improve information sharing processes with a review of the Safeguarding Children Information Management Team (SCIMT) leading to the relocation of the team within the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH). A new NSCB website has been developed which provides easier access to information about multi-agency training, policies/procedures and resources for professionals, parents and carers and children and young people
6. During 2015/16 the NSCB has delivered a wide ranging programme of multi-agency training courses and seminars. These events have covered core safeguarding practice and specialist subject areas such as Fabricated or Induced Illness (FII). NSCB multi-

agency training events have been attended by over 2,300 staff working with children and families during the year - 500 more training places than the previous year. The offer of E-learning modules available to partner organisations has also been broadened with additional modules and easier access. Over 4,500 staff have completed E-learning modules during the year on safeguarding subjects including awareness of abuse and neglect, child sexual exploitation and safe sleeping for babies.

7. A key responsibility for the Board is to commission and undertake serious case reviews according to the criteria set out in national statutory guidance and LSCB regulations. The reviews are used to identify learning and to improve practice. During 2015/16 five serious case reviews were commissioned and these are ongoing and at various stages of completion. Themes regarding the effectiveness of safeguarding practice identified from two reviews completed during the year (IN14 & JN15), are included within the report.
8. The Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) has conducted reviews into expected and unexpected child deaths in Nottinghamshire in line with statutory guidance. During the course of the year 50 children died in Nottinghamshire and the panel conducted 37 reviews following the completion of other processes (e.g. Inquests). The panel identified actions to prevent future deaths, in particular, safer sleep for babies, early identification and response to sepsis and GP's responses to weight loss and abdominal pain in children.
9. Multi-agency audits were undertaken and their findings reported to the Board regarding Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPCs) and adult and children's services joint working. All audits identified areas of good practice in addition to areas for improvement. Full details of the recommendations and impact of the audits are included in the report.
10. The report includes a summary of the various inspections that have been carried out during 2015/16 involving NSCB partner agencies. The findings from those inspections and action taken by the Board are detailed.
11. The report concludes by setting out areas identified for development through the NSCB learning and improvement framework and verified at a 'Meeting the Challenge' event involving NSCB members. A new NSCB Business Plan (2016/18) has been agreed which captures the key areas of work for the Board including the focus on vulnerable children groups, performance monitoring and the effectiveness of multi-agency working in relation to child protection enquiries such as strategy discussions and child protection conferences.

Other Options Considered

12. As this is a report for noting, it is not necessary to consider other options.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

13. The report is for noting only.

Statutory and Policy Implications

14. 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 only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, 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.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the content of the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board's Annual Report 2015/16, which is available as a Background Paper, be noted.

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Constitutional Comments

15. As this report is for noting only, no Constitutional Comments are required.

Financial Comments (TMR 26/9/16)

16. As this report is for noting only, no Financial Comments are required.

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.

Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board's Annual Report 2015/16

<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/nscb/about-the-board>

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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17 October 2016**Agenda Item: 05****REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE****CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION (CSE) AND CHILDREN MISSING FROM
HOME AND CARE: ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16****Purpose of the Report**

1. Following enquiries into child sexual exploitation and missing children in Rochdale, Rotherham, Derby City, and Oxford, Elected Members from all political parties in Nottinghamshire expressed their determination to ensure an open and transparent approach to these issues within Nottinghamshire and requested that the Children and Young People's Committee receive an annual report together with a six monthly update report, to ensure that all Committee members are kept up-to-date on work involving child sexual exploitation and children missing from home and care.

Information and Advice**Strategic Partnerships, Governance and Service Provision**

2. Child sexual exploitation and missing from home and care work continue to both be high priority areas. Oversight of child sexual exploitation work remains through the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham City cross-authority group chaired by the Detective Chief Inspector for public protection and missing children is through the County steering group. Information on both areas are reported to the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board on a quarterly basis.

Child Sexual Exploitation

3. A further Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board multi-agency child sexual exploitation audit was completed during 2015/16. The conclusion was that compared to the previous year's audit there were improvements across all key areas of identification, response, intervention and engagement and a reduction in levels of risk. The conclusion was that awareness, knowledge and responses to child sexual exploitation are more embedded and again reinforced that holding a multi-agency strategy meeting linked to better outcomes.
4. The joint children's social care and police led Concerns Network (Operation Striver) is now in place within the County with the aim of sharing intelligence at the earliest opportunity between agencies relating to the possibility of child sexual exploitation. Intelligence may relate to locations of concern or suspicious activity by individuals or vehicles for example. Work has been undertaken to promote this resulting in 25 notifications during the year.

5. The cross-authority multi-agency training strategy supported three face to face multi-agency training events during 2015/16 to 148 delegates, building on extensive previous years training. The core e-learning programme has continued to be promoted and a further 1,298 courses have been completed. The cross-authority group also promoted another annual conference.
6. As part of the prevention strand to tackling child sexual exploitation in 2015/16, the Pintsize Theatre was re-commissioned to tour with LUVU2, the specially commissioned play and workshop. There were 77 performances in total covering 41 schools and in addition some children's homes, professionals only performances and two alternative education providers. The tour reached 7,112 pupils, 426 professionals and 26 parents and carers; in total 7,564 people. It has still been a challenge to engage with some faith schools, alternative and independent education providers as well as some foster carers and looked after children but steps are being taken to promote this again this year. The feedback from professionals and children was again very positive and further funding has been agreed for 2016/17. A further initiative has been commissioned for younger pupils (Years 6/7/8) which will involve them researching key messages about sexting (sharing sexual images through mobiles) and then developing a radio commercial. There is the potential to access 479 schools across the City and County with this enterprise.
7. Children's Social Care has led on the wider aspects of providing a more specialist service to schools which covers sexual exploitation as part of a wider brief about threats to children. When fully in place this will improve universal support to schools and pupils across lesson planning, workshops for staff, pupils, parents and carers. Early help support for schools to provide advice on individual cases is also available.
8. Specialist support to children who have been exploited or are at risk of exploitation was provided to six children by the NSPCC and Barnardo's worked with 44 children during the year. The Council funded the expansion of the Barnardo's service and by the end of 2015/16 three workers were in place. The service has now been re-commissioned and The Children's Society holds the contract as of 1 July 2016. The service has been extended to a wider cohort of children including care leavers and those children who need to be supported through a court process, as well as supporting parents to safeguard their children. It will also, for the first time, provide therapeutic support to children on a short to medium term as part of a child's recovery. This second part of the service is funded by a Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group partnership.
9. Links to the seven district council safeguarding leads and licensing colleagues have continued and by the end of 2016 nearly 4,000 taxi drivers will have been trained by police and district council colleagues on child sexual exploitation and more general vulnerable person's safeguarding issues. A county wide policy on recruitment has also been adopted. Work to consider how to engage with the wider business communities, i.e. hotels and pubs, began during 2015/16 and is in its early stages.

Children who go missing from home and care

10. A Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board audit of missing children work will be completed during late 2016/17. The police are currently re-structuring their functions to enable consistent practice across the City and County which will hopefully lead to further

improvements. An additional Children Missing Officer (CMO) post was recruited to within Children's Social Care during October 2015 to assist with the increased work load resulting from the changes to police definitions of missing.

11. Two Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board missing from home and care multi-agency training events are being held during 2016/17.

Key data findings

12. The key data findings for 2015/16 are as follows:

Children potentially at risk of sexual exploitation

13. It is evident, and positive, that agencies are increasingly identifying where children 'may' be at risk of child sexual exploitation i.e. that is they are showing indicators of being exploited. Not all of these children will have been exploited but they may be vulnerable and in need of support to prevent any harm. For those where there was a multi-agency strategy meeting this suggests a higher level of concern. As can be noted below the type of concern that is investigated by the police is split between face to face contact and no physical contact via on-line means.
 - ❖ 501 individual children were identified as being potentially at risk of child sexual exploitation
 - Recognition has increased year on year and more is being done to support children.
 - ❖ Of the 501 potentially at risk, 122 children were discussed at a child sexual exploitation strategy meeting
 - 90% female, 10% male.
 - Peak age 13-16 years old
 - ❖ Police information shows that 69 cases were open to the police during 2015/16 as follows.
 - Exploitation involving single perpetrator on-line 32 cases / 46%.
 - Exploitation involving physical contact 37 cases/ 54%.
14. There is no information to indicate that any children were the subject of organised or group sexual exploitation during this year.

Children Missing from Home and Care (2015/16)

15. The revised definitions of children who go missing continued to have a significant impact on the data for 2015/16 which was the first full year using the new system. In 2015/16:
 - ❖ 1,013 individual children went missing from home and local authority care during 2015/16 as follows:
 - 701 children went missing from home
 - 176 children went missing from the care of Nottinghamshire County Council
 - 136 children placed in care in Nottinghamshire by other councils went missing.

- ❖ The majority of all children missing from home and care return within four hours. 74% of children missing from home return within eight hours, compared to 51% of children in care who return within eight hours.
- ❖ The peak age of children going missing from home and care during 2015/16 was 13-17 years old.
- ❖ Of these individuals 45% were boys and 55% girls.
- ❖ The reasons for going missing have remained similar with key issues linked to:
 - arguments around boundaries
 - parental relationships, sibling difficulties
 - boyfriend/girlfriend problems
 - school based issues.
 - drug and alcohol concerns
 - mental health issues.
- ❖ Risks related to going missing include child sexual exploitation, associating with adults who may pose a risk and increased likelihood of offending behaviour.

Key priorities for 2016/17

16. Nottinghamshire continues to have robust multi-agency arrangements in place for responding both operationally and strategically to children who go missing and those who are being exploited or at risk of exploitation.
17. The key priorities for 2016/17 are set out below and may be added to as new priorities emerge.

Child sexual exploitation

- ❖ Continue to develop the data set for reporting to the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board, to enable us to target hot any “hotspot ”areas
- ❖ Continue to build a local profile of child sexual exploitation so that we can respond to safeguard children at the earliest opportunity
- ❖ To monitor the training of taxi drivers and develop engagement with licensing and other businesses to ensure that taxi firms and businesses are aware of child sexual exploitation and their responsibilities to safeguard children and report concerns to the Police and Children’s Social Care.

Missing

- ❖ Deliver planned Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board training and utilise other opportunities to promote good practice messages i.e. attend team meetings
- ❖ Complete a Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board multi-agency audit to evaluate current practice and compare to the previous audit
- ❖ Ensure the voice of the children who go missing is listened to
- ❖ Ensuring connectivity to schools on the broader Children Missing Education agenda
- ❖ Continue to improve intelligence sharing with the police.

Other Options Considered

18. As this report is for noting, it is not necessary to consider other options.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

19. The report is for noting only.

Statutory and Policy Implications

20. 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.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That:

- 1) Progress made regarding developments in the response to child sexual exploitation and missing children within Nottinghamshire is noted
- 2) A further report be provided to the Children and Young People's Committee in six months.

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Constitutional Comments

21. As the report is for noting only, no constitutional comments are required.

Financial Comments (TMR 26/09/16)

22. As the report is for noting only, no financial comments are required.

Background Papers and Published Documents

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Child Sexual Exploitation and Children Missing from Home and Care annual report 2014-15 – report to Children & Young People’s Committee on 13 July 2015

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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17 October 2016**Agenda Item: 06**

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, YOUTH, FAMILIES AND CULTURE

TACKLING CHILD POVERTY IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Purpose of the Report

1. To inform the Committee of the key findings and recommendations of the Child Poverty and Life Chances Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2016.
2. To seek approval of the Nottinghamshire Child Poverty and Life Chances Action Plan 2016-2017, attached as **Appendix 1**.

Information and Advice

3. Growing up in poverty can affect every area of a child's development and future life chances. It is well known that the most disadvantaged children are less likely to achieve their academic potential, secure employment and gain a sense of future financial security. They are more likely to suffer from poor health, live in poor quality housing and unsafe environments. Poverty has blighted the lives of individuals, families and entire communities for generations and is an issue that could undermine the wider social and economic policies across Nottinghamshire. Growing up in poverty can mean being cold, going hungry, not being able to join in activities with friends, and not being able to afford even one week's holiday¹.
4. The government approach to measuring Child Poverty has changed, moving away from focusing on income targets and towards measuring improved outcomes for children and young people around educational attainment, worklessness and family functioning. Improving the life chances of the most disadvantaged children and young people is now a priority for all political parties.
5. Research from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation published in August 2016 indicates the cost of poverty to children's services alone to be £7.5 billion; this makes tackling child poverty a priority for most local authorities².

¹ Child Poverty Action Group 2016

² The Cost of Poverty Joseph Rowntree Foundation 2016

The Nottinghamshire Child Poverty and Life Chances Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2016

Key Findings

6. The child poverty Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) includes information regarding educational attainment, employment, social economic status, health outcomes and social mobility. The chapter links with other JSNA topics, in particular demography information and those which include a focus on health inequalities e.g. obesity.
7. Current child poverty levels in Nottinghamshire indicate that 15.9% of children aged 0-19 years are living in poverty compared to 16% in 2012. This amounts to 26,065 children and young people. There are fewer children in poverty in Nottinghamshire compared to England (18.0%) and the East Midlands (17.0%).
8. The highest levels of child poverty are in Mansfield and Ashfield districts which have remained unchanged since the Child Poverty Strategy was launched. District level data shows the variance of child poverty levels, as follows:

District	% of 0-19 year olds living in poverty
Ashfield	21.5
Bassetlaw	16.2
Broxtowe	14
Gedling	15.1
Mansfield	21.8
Newark & Sherwood	15.1
Rushcliffe	7

9. There are 54 wards in Nottinghamshire identified as target wards, where child poverty levels exceed the national figure of 18%. All districts, with the exception of Rushcliffe, have target wards as identified below:

Ashfield	9 out of 15 wards
Bassetlaw	5 out of 25 wards
Broxtowe	4 out of 21 wards
Gedling	8 out of 22 wards
Mansfield	20 out of 36 wards
Newark and Sherwood	8 out of 25 wards
Rushcliffe	0 out of 28 wards
10. The 2016 Social Mobility Index indicates that out of seven districts four are classed as Social Mobility Cold Spots, meaning that there is low social mobility in these areas. Good social mobility is a key factor in preventing poor children from becoming poor adults³.
11. Worklessness is still a key reason why many children in Nottinghamshire are living in poverty; this may be compounded further with forthcoming welfare reforms. However, the

³ The Social Mobility and Child Poverty Commission *The Social Mobility Index February 2016*
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/social-mobility-index>

JSNA also identifies that in-work poverty remains an issue in Nottinghamshire and emerging changes to Universal Credit may exacerbate this.

12. The Nottinghamshire Child Poverty and Life Chances JSNA Chapter is available as a background paper.

Identified Gaps in Service Provision

13. The Child Poverty JSNA has also identified gaps in support available across the County, summarised as follows:
 - a) Effective support for adults with mental health difficulties to return to work.
 - b) Financial support for families where neither parent works.
 - c) Family and parenting support for poorer families with children aged 5-19 years with need below Level 3 of the Pathway to Provision.
 - d) Support for parents with couple relationships to prevent breakdown and financial instability.
 - e) Independent advice for families experiencing debt.

JSNA Recommendations for Commissioners and Planners

14. The JSNA has identified a number of areas for consideration and implementation by commissioners of services for children, families and adults with parenting responsibilities.
 - a) Improve data collection, sharing and analysis
 - b) Actively target and direct limited resources to localities with higher rates of child poverty
 - c) Actively target groups of children and families most at risk of poverty and the associated poor outcomes associated with poverty
 - d) Build a local picture of and better understanding of the link between child abuse, neglect and poverty
 - e) Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) to consider how current adult mental health provision enables people to return to or remain in work
 - f) Consider the effectiveness of any work programme providers in helping those furthest away from the labour market back into work, in particular adults with mental health difficulties
 - g) Consider how to respond to the national Life Chances Strategy. In particular, the recommendation by the Centre for Social Justice of how to best align the Pupil Premium, the Troubled Families programme and the Work Programme, in order to provide a package of universal support to those eligible for Universal Credit⁴
 - h) Consider how economic development can help create a local safety net for low income families

⁴ *Delivering a Life Chances Strategy* Centre for Social Justice March 2016

- i) Consider the social mobility index rankings and identify actions to address highlighted areas and develop a coherent narrative around social mobility and life chances which informs decision making
- j) Consider their role in ensuring people are aware of their entitlement to free childcare
- k) Ensure that all services working with families have an element which specifically supports parents to gain and retain paid employment
- l) Consider how existing data gaps may be filled and move to an evidence based approach to commissioning all services
- m) Consider how to effectively support couple relationships and identify successful models for achieving this
- n) Scope the feasibility of establishing a poverty proofing pilot in Nottinghamshire schools.

Local Action to Tackling Child Poverty

- 15. The Child Poverty Action Plan 2016 – 2017, attached as **Appendix 1**, reflects changes at a national level and seeks to address the gaps identified in the JSNA. The plan focuses on three key expected outcomes.
 - a) Children and families experience fewer negative outcomes from the effects of poverty
 - b) Children and families are able to move out of poverty
 - c) The Cycle of Poverty is broken as children are prevented from becoming poor adults
- 16. Priority actions in the plan include:
 - a) Establishing referral routes for adults with mental health difficulties to employment support
 - b) Increasing awareness and use of the Notts Help Yourself website www.nottshelpyourself.org.uk
 - c) Piloting poverty proofing schools in Ashfield
 - d) Continuing the multi-agency roll out of the Child Poverty workshops
 - e) Increasing the take up of free childcare.

Other Options Considered

- 17. No other options have been considered.

Reasons for Recommendations

- 18. Findings from the 2016 Child Poverty JSNA has identified a number of recommendations which are based on local data and research. These recommendations form the basis of the Nottinghamshire Child Poverty and Life Chances Action Plan.
- 19. As poverty is so multi-faceted and impacts on so many areas of children and young people's lives, Life Chances can only improve by taking a multi-agency approach. The action plan has been developed by the Child Poverty Reference Group, which has

representatives from across services and the districts and identifies practical actions which require a partnership approach.

20. Children living in poverty are at risk of a range of poor outcomes and likewise these outcomes can also impact on future economic status and poverty. Breaking the cycle of poverty is therefore a priority for Nottinghamshire; and work to reduce child poverty levels and reduce the impact of poverty is critical to achieve a wide range of positive outcomes for children, their families and future generations.

Statutory and Policy Implications

21. 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.

Crime and Disorder Implications

22. Recent analysis from the Safer Nottinghamshire Board indicates there is a correlation between areas with high levels of deprivation and high levels of domestic violence and antisocial behaviour, suggesting that tackling poverty is key to reducing these types of offences.

Financial Implications

23. There is currently no direct funding for work to tackle Child Poverty; it relies on core funding streams from across partner agencies.

Human Resources Implications

24. There are no human resource implications as the work depends on work from all partners to take actions forwards as part of their existing work.

Public Sector Equality Duty Implications

25. Families with children under the age of 20 years are the key target population for this work. Services for children and young people will be targeted to the localities with the highest level of need, ensuring that families living in these areas receive a good level of service.
26. Interventions will also target groups most affected by poverty including: families with English as an additional language; parents/carers with mental health concerns; and children/parents with special educational needs and disabilities.
27. Children with one or more disabled parents have a 30% chance of being in relative poverty; parents and children with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) are a key target group as they too are at risk of lower educational attainment and worklessness.

28. Both mothers and fathers are included in plans to tackle child poverty.

Safeguarding of Children and Adults at Risk Implications

29. It is widely understood that poor children are more likely to be on the child protection register than more privileged children and they are more likely to be taken into local authority care. Recent national research from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation indicates there is a link between poverty and child abuse and neglect, this link needs to be better understood in order to target services effectively.

Implications for Service Users

30. There will be a benefit to service users if the action plan is successfully implemented as it will tackle poverty in both the short, medium and long term. The focus is not only to reduce levels of child poverty but also to reduce the impact of poverty on children and families across Nottinghamshire.

Implications for Sustainability and the Environment

31. Economic regeneration is key to tackling child poverty as access to sustained, adequately paid employment is still recognised as a route out of poverty.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That:

- 1) the key findings and recommendations of the Child Poverty and Life Chances Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2016 be noted.
- 2) the Nottinghamshire Child Poverty and Life Chances Action Plan 2016-2017, attached as **Appendix 1**, be approved.

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Constitutional Comments (LM 23/09/16)

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

Financial Comments (TMR 26/09/16)

33. There are no direct financial implications as a result of 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.

Child Poverty and Life Chances JSNA 2016

<http://jsna.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/insight/Strategic-Framework/Nottinghamshire-JSNA.aspx>

Nottinghamshire Child Poverty Strategy Literature Review

<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/childrens-social-care/nottinghamshire-childrens-trust/child-poverty>

Working Together to Tackle Child Poverty in Nottinghamshire Stakeholder Briefing

<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/media/110480/child-poverty-briefing.pdf>

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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Nottinghamshire Child Poverty and Life Chances Action Plan – 1st September 2016 – 30th August 2017

This action plan is part of the Notts Child Poverty Strategy and is performance managed and developed by the Nottinghamshire Child Poverty Reference Group

This action plan has been informed by the Child Poverty and Life Chances Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2016. This can be found here:
<http://jsna.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/insight/Strategic-Framework/Nottinghamshire-JSNA.aspx>

For more information for professionals please go to:

<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/childrens-social-care/nottinghamshire-childrens-trust/child-poverty>

Information for children, young people and families is available at: www.nottshelpyourself.org.uk/

Expected Outcome	Aims (what do we want to achieve?)	Objectives (How)	Lead (By Who)	Deadline (By When)	Measure of success
Children and Families experience fewer negative outcomes from the effects of poverty (Short term)	<p>That staff recognise the importance of tackling child poverty in improving outcomes for families</p> <p>Ensure all frontline staff are aware of the effects of poverty on families and what they can do to mitigate against the effects of poverty</p>	<p>Continue to roll out child poverty awareness training for staff working with children and families.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be 6 workshops this year • 460 professionals will participate in workshops • There will be 10 facilitators trained to lead the workshops • 90% of participants state they have improved techniques to mitigate the effects of poverty 	<p>Child Poverty Facilitators sub group and NCC Child Poverty Lead</p> <p>NCC Early Childhood Services Locality Managers</p>	April 2017	Impact evaluations post events demonstrate practitioners are applying learning from workshops to practice with families

Expected Outcome	Aims (what do we want to achieve?)	Objectives (How)	Lead (By Who)	Deadline (By When)	Measure of success
<p>Cont/d ...</p> <p>Children and Families experience fewer negative outcomes from the effects of poverty (Short term)</p>	<p>Increase families' money management skills and build financial resilience for children and families in poverty.</p> <p>Families receive high quality support in a timely way</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local partners are aware of and using money management tools in their settings Data around the nature of money advice issues including debt is routinely collected and shared with the Child Poverty Reference Group Staff in all services are aware of the Notts Help yourself website and routinely signpost families there for advice. Information on credit unions is added to Notts Help Yourself website Information is targeted to families during times of financial burden Update post - Christmas support leaflets and circulate to partners and through the Notts Help Yourself website. 	<p>NCC Child Poverty Lead</p> <p>NCC Early Childhood Services Locality Managers and Family Information Service (Inspire), District money advisers, NCC Family Service, Citizens Advice Bureau</p> <p>NCC Child Poverty Lead and Family Information Service (Inspire)</p> <p>NCC Early Childhood Services Locality Managers, District Children and Families Locality Management Groups</p>	<p>December 2016</p> <p>January 2017</p> <p>March 2017</p> <p>March 2017</p> <p>November 2016</p>	<p>More families report increased confidence in money management</p> <p>Data is used to identify levels of financial inclusion in each district and to inform service planning</p> <p>All services are aware of financial support for families</p>

Expected Outcome	Aims (what do we want to achieve?)	Objectives (How)	Lead (By Who)	Deadline (By When)	Measure of success
<p>Cont/d ...</p> <p>Children and Families experience fewer negative outcomes from the effects of poverty (Short term)</p>	<p>Children, young people and families in poverty have improved health and well-being outcomes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families are signposted to and supported to access online benefit eligibility checkers To explore models of effective support for couple relationships through learning from national pilots <p>To close the health inequalities gap for low income groups and their peers by targeting localities with poorer outcome</p>	<p>NCC Child Poverty Lead</p> <p>Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board</p> <p>NCC Public Health</p>	<p>March 2017</p> <p>March 2017</p>	<p>Services have a clear understanding of the impact of couple conflict on children and young people and this informs evidence based commissioning</p> <p>The gap is narrowed between affluent and disadvantaged localities of Nottinghamshire using the following outcome data:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teenage pregnancy Life expectancy Infant mortality Childhood obesity Breastfeeding

Expected Outcome	Aims (what do we want to achieve?)	Objectives (How)	Lead (By Who)	Deadline (By When)	Measure of success
Families and Children are able to move out of poverty (medium term)	Increase families' income and outcomes through tackling fuel poverty.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with partners to identify where families are affected by fuel poverty. Support and interventions to tackle fuel poverty are effectively promoted to families experiencing fuel poverty. 	NCC Public Health, NCC Child Poverty Lead, District Councils; Local Energy Partnerships	December 2016	Localities where families are most affected by Fuel Poverty levels are identified Fuel Poverty levels decline across Nottinghamshire (measured annually).
	Increase families' income and outcomes through tackling food poverty.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Map community kitchen provision across the County to help shape service planning. Improve data collection around the nature and extent of food poverty in families with children Explore the role of schools, children's centres and the local authority in tackling holiday hunger 	NCC Public Health & NCC Child Poverty Lead, voluntary and community sector	December 2016	A clear picture of services to tackle food poverty is developed across the County
			Children's Centre Services & NCC Child Poverty Lead	October 2016	A comprehensive understanding of the causes of food poverty is developed across the County.
	Move parents into sustained employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish referral routes for services to employment support for parents with mental health issues 	NCC Family Service, Department for Work & Pensions	December 2016	Data and knowledge of existing services informs effective service planning re

Expected Outcome	Aims (what do we want to achieve?)	Objectives (How)	Lead (By Who)	Deadline (By When)	Measure of success
<p>Cont/d ...</p> <p>Families and Children are able to move out of poverty (medium term)</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove the barrier of the cost of childcare for working parents with a sustained increase in the number of 3 and 4 year olds (whose parents are in work) accessing 15 hours of free childcare. Promote the new extended childcare offer to parents to enable them to increase their working hours by accessing 30 hours of childcare a week from September 2017. 	<p>All NCC services and Children's Centre Services</p> <p>All NCC Children's Services staff , Children's Centre Service, NCC Economic Development</p>	<p>December 2016</p> <p>July 2017</p>	<p>food poverty</p> <p>All services working with families are aware of who provides employment support for parents with mental health difficulties and these parents receive timely support</p> <p>100% of eligible 3 and 4 year olds accessing 15 hours free childcare</p> <p>70% of low income families take up additional 15 hours childcare</p>

Expected Outcome	Aims (what do we want to achieve?)	Objectives (How)	Lead (By Who)	Deadline (By When)	Measure of success
The Cycle of Poverty is broken as children are prevented from becoming poor adults (Long term)	Children and young people in poverty have improved educational outcomes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 year olds from low income groups access their free childcare and early education entitlements using early years settings that are 'good' or 'outstanding' 	All CFCS services and Children's Centres	July 2017	80% of eligible 2 year olds accessing their free early education entitlements (measured quarterly). The gap is narrowed for children gaining a good level of development at Key Stage 1
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use the parents pledge to promote the uptake of free school meals 	NCC Child Poverty Lead	December 2016	Parents are aware of services to help them and their families to be school ready and job ready.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore how data sharing could be used to identify those who are eligible for free school meals 	Nottinghamshire Closing the Gap Board, District Councils	December 2016	The attainment gap between FSM and non-FSM pupils is narrowed
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pilot poverty proofing audit tool with schools 	NCC Child Poverty Lead, NCC School Improvement, schools	December 2016	Schools are able to identify low cost and no cost ideas to improve disadvantaged children experience of school

This action plan complements and has interdependencies with the following plans and strategies

- Nottinghamshire Early Years Improvement Plan 2016-17
- Nottinghamshire Closing the Gap Strategy 2014
- District/ Borough Council plans
- Nottinghamshire Children, Young People and Families Plan 2016-18
- Nottinghamshire Children and Young People's Mental and Emotional Wellbeing Strategy 2014-16
- NCC Family Outcomes Plan 2016

Glossary

CFCS Children, Families and Cultural Services

FIS Families Information Service

FSM Free School Meals

NCC Nottinghamshire County Council

17 October 2016

Agenda Item: 07

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, YOUTH, FAMILIES AND CULTURE**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ISSUING FINES FOR PUPIL
ABSENCES – IMPACT OF AMENDMENT TO THRESHOLD****Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide the Committee with an update on the impact of the amendment agreed in July 2015 to the threshold for issuing Penalty Notices to parents for their child's unauthorised absences from school.
2. The report also seeks approval to maintain the Penalty Notice threshold at the level agreed by the Committee in July 2015, as set out in paragraph 3 of this report.

Information and Advice

3. Pupil absence rates nationally and locally have been steadily decreasing in recent years with the number of holiday related absences also reducing according to Department for Education (DfE) research set out in a recent study, **"The link between absence and attainment at KS2 and KS4"** (DfE: March 2016). Since 2011/12 Nottinghamshire's overall absence rates have fallen from 5.0% to 4.5% in 2014-15. This is evidence that the majority of parents work hard with schools to meet the expectation that children should be at school every day it is open. The majority of parents also make the choice not to take their children on holiday in term time despite the additional financial costs associated with booking holidays during school breaks.
4. Whilst the general trend is an improving one, tackling unauthorised absence from school continues to be a priority, particularly as the evidence shows that good attendance is linked to attainment, with pupils with no absence from school more likely to achieve five A* to C GCSEs, including English and mathematics.
5. In July 2015 the Children and Young People's Committee voted to reduce the threshold at which fines could be issued to parents in Nottinghamshire for their child's unauthorised absence from school. The Nottinghamshire Code of Conduct was amended to stipulate that parents could be issued with:
 - a Penalty Notice Fine if their child/children have in excess of 3 days (6 sessions) unauthorised absence during a 6 week period and there is evidence that the absence was for a family holiday
 - a Penalty Notice Warning Letter if their child/children have in excess of 3 days (6 sessions) unauthorised absence during a 6 week period

- a Penalty Notice Fine if their child/children have in excess of 5 days 10 sessions) unauthorised absence during a 6 week period.

This change came into effect from September 2015.

6. The report to Committee in July 2015 highlighted a number of potential challenges and risks that required consideration. This report provides an update on these along with any evidence of impact. During 2015-16 there has been some high profile media focus on Education Penalty Notices following a High Court ruling (Isle of Wight Council vs. Platt). This is also given consideration in this report.
7. The change to the threshold was made by Committee following an in-depth review of the use of Penalty Notices across 23 different local authorities in England and a consultation with Nottinghamshire Head Teachers. The decision to reduce the threshold was made in order to ensure Nottinghamshire's Education Penalty Notice arrangements were aligned with the national government expectations, and to ensure the threshold reflected the Council's commitment that pupils should only be absent from school in exceptional circumstances.
8. The main issues that the Committee considered in the 2015 report included:
 - a) the need to ensure that the threshold was set at a level that was fair, proportionate, maintained public confidence and allowed the Authority's resources to be focused on addressing regular and persistent absence
 - b) the financial implications of any change
 - c) the likely impact on pupil absence rates in Nottinghamshire
 - d) any potential additional pressures on court time
 - e) any potential additional administrative pressures for schools.
9. The report predicted that the number of fines issued by the Authority would increase significantly following a lowering of the threshold and this has proven to be the case. Since September 2015, the Authority has issued in excess of 2,200 fines to parents for their child's unauthorised absence from school. This equates to almost a six-fold increase compared to 2014-15.
10. The data on Penalty Notice Fines shows that there remains a significant variation in the use of fines by schools across Nottinghamshire. This is despite the changes to the England Pupil Registration Regulations in 2013 which restricted head teachers' discretion to agree a leave of absence in term time to exceptional circumstances and the change to the threshold in Nottinghamshire's Code of Conduct agreed by Committee in July 2015.
11. Whilst there is work being undertaken to address this issue, concerns about the uneven application of the local arrangements for Penalty Notices by schools are likely to remain. In part this is a consequence of the freedoms and discretion head teachers enjoy as well as some resistance at governing body level to introducing fines as a measure to address unauthorised leave of absences during term time for the purpose of a family holiday. Any further amendment to the threshold may well exacerbate this issue.
12. Nottinghamshire's 'overall' and 'persistent absence' rates continue to be below or in line with the England and regional averages. Figures for 2014-15 are shown in the table

below. We know that both overall and persistent absence rates nationally have been falling in recent years.

Area:	Overall absence rate 2014/15	Persistent absence rate 2014/15
England	4.6%	3.7%
East Midlands	4.6%	3.8%
Nottinghamshire	4.5%	3.7%

13. As part of the 2015 review into the use of Penalty Notices, their use across 23 different local authorities was compared. An analysis of the data indicated that there was no discernible benefit in having a Penalty Notice Threshold set at 10% or less, as shown in the table below.

Threshold for issuing fines	Average rate of persistent absence (2013/14)	Average reduction in persistent unauthorised absence rates (2013/14)
25%	4.1%	-17%
20%	4.66%	-18%
11-19%	4.47%	-21%
10%	4.4%	-10%

14. Local authority level data for the 2015-16 academic year is not yet available from the Department for Education. The autumn term data 2015 recently published by the Department for Education does not include any local authority level figures either. Even if it were available, it may not be particularly helpful as it covers the period immediately after the change was introduced when schools were still assimilating the changes into their own policies and alerting parents. Therefore it is not possible at this point to draw any definitive conclusions about whether the 2015 change in threshold resulted in a reduction in absence rates for Nottinghamshire. In hindsight, absence trends probably need to be monitored for at least a further academic year to ascertain what, if any, impact the threshold change has had on parental habits and choices.
15. Education Penalty Notices were subject to some media coverage this year following a case, Isle of Wight Council vs. Platt, where a parent chose not to pay the fine issued for a holiday in term time and successfully contested the case in Court. The parent's defence was that his child had regular attendance and he was therefore not guilty of breaking the law by taking her out of school for a holiday in term-time. The Isle of Wight Council appealed this outcome at the High Court in the spring but the appeal was dismissed. The Isle of Wight Council is taking the case to the Supreme Court this autumn with their costs being underwritten by the Department for Education. Whilst the Isle of Wight case did not result in a change in the law or redefine what constitutes regular attendance, the two court outcomes and the manner in which they were reported by the media has created a great deal of uncertainty both for local authorities and for parents.
16. Nottinghamshire continues to deal with each case on its individual circumstances. This is in contrast to some authorities which have reduced or ceased the use of Penalty Notices. The evidence is that parents who are familiar with the Isle of Wight case and have the personal resources and inclination to contest the fine are more likely to do so now. As a

result the Authority may begin to see more contested cases and trials in Nottinghamshire than there have been previously.

17. The Department for Education is considering its options having made clear its expectation that regular attendance still means pupils attending every day the school is open. It may be some time before the outcome of the Isle of Wight appeal to the Supreme Court is known, or there is any change in legislation or statutory guidance if required. The government is considering introducing a national Code of Conduct. In this context a further reduction in the Nottinghamshire threshold may not have public confidence and may prove to be premature if, for example, the Isle of Wight appeal proves unsuccessful and the Department for Education feels it necessary to legislate or issue statutory guidance to local authorities that supersedes any additional change the Committee may choose to make.
18. Currently around 60% of fines are paid in Nottinghamshire and this is broadly in line with the national picture. A small proportion are withdrawn. The change in threshold has resulted in an increase in the proportion of Court prosecutions that are related to fines that are not being paid. The figures below dating back to the 2011-12 academic year illustrate this point. It is of note that Court prosecutions for non-payment of fines have increased since September 2013 when the England Pupil Registration regulations changed and again from September 2015 when the threshold was reduced.

Academic Year	All Court Prosecutions	% of Prosecutions that were not related to non-payment of fines	% of Prosecutions that were related to non-payment of fines
2011-12	60	98.3%	1.7%
2012-13	81	75%	25%
2013-14	211	61.6%	38.4%
2014-15	217	69.6%	30.4%
2015-16	234*	37.6%	62.4%

*This is not a final figure for the academic year.

19. It currently takes on average 2-3 months to have a case heard in court. The introduction of the Single Justice scheme, where guilty pleas can be dealt with in the offender's absence, may help to alleviate some of these issues in the longer term but the scheme is still being piloted. The Council has secured additional court time, although ensuring cases are heard in a timely manner and ensuring cases where there is an aggravated feature are prioritised remains a challenge. Any further increase in court work arising from an additional change to the threshold is likely to exacerbate the pressure on court time in the short to medium term.
20. The cost to the Authority of administering fines and prosecuting cases for non-payment in court is high. In order to administer the fines, the Children and Young People's Committee agreed to establish three additional posts (Education Enforcement Officers). The difference in the income generated since September 2015 from fines paid as a direct result of the change in threshold does not cover the full cost of these posts. There are a large number of schools who as yet have not been requesting fines but who are indicating that it is their intention to do so. Consequently, it is expected that there will be a further

increase in requests for fines during 2016-17. A further reduction in the threshold would in all probability require additional staffing investment at a time when the Authority is under considerable financial pressure.

Other Options Considered

21. Consideration was given to making a further amendment to the Code of Conduct so that the threshold for issuing Penalty Notices changed to 10% or 3 days (6 sessions) over a 6 week period across the board.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

22. It is recommended that no further change is made to the Code of Conduct at this point. The reasons for this recommendation include:
- The change implemented in 2015 has not yet had time to fully bed in with many schools yet to implement the changes
 - There is insufficient data available at this time to be able to properly evaluate the impact of the change against what is already known about the effectiveness of penalty notices
 - With the current legal uncertainties arising out of the Isle of Wight case a further reduction would almost certainly lack public confidence. It is more prudent to wait until the legal position is further clarified by the Supreme Court ruling and any response from the Department for Education is received.

Statutory and Policy Implications

23. 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

24. The financial implications are contained within paragraph 20 of this report.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the Committee:

- 1) notes the update on the impact of the amendment to the threshold for issuing Penalty Notices to parents for their child's unauthorised absence from school.
- 2) gives approval to maintain the Penalty Notice threshold at the level agreed by the Committee in July 2015 and as set out in paragraph 3 of this report.

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Constitutional Comments (SMG 16/09/16)

25. The proposals in this report fall within the remit of this Committee.

Financial Comments (TMR 19/09/16)

26. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 20 of the 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.

Nottinghamshire Code of Conduct for issuing fines for pupil absences – amendment to threshold – report to Children and Young People’s Committee on 13 July 2015.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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17 October 2016

Agenda Item: 08

REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR, RESOURCES

WORK PROGRAMME

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the Committee's work programme for 2016-17.

Information and Advice

2. The County Council requires each committee to maintain a work programme. The work programme will assist the management of the committee's agenda, the scheduling of the committee's business and forward planning. The work programme will be updated and reviewed at each pre-agenda meeting and committee meeting. Any member of the committee is able to suggest items for possible inclusion.
3. The attached work programme has been drafted in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, and includes items which can be anticipated at the present time. Other items will be added to the programme as they are identified.
4. As part of the transparency introduced by the new committee arrangements, committees are expected to review day to day operational decisions made by officers using their delegated powers. It is anticipated that the committee will wish to commission periodic reports on such decisions. The committee is therefore requested to identify activities on which it would like to receive reports for inclusion in the work programme. It may be that the presentations about activities in the committee's remit will help to inform this.

Other Options Considered

4. None.

Reason for Recommendation

5. To assist the committee in preparing its work programme.

Statutory and Policy Implications

6. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, 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.

RECOMMENDATION

That the committee's work programme be noted and consideration be given to any changes which the committee wishes to make

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Constitutional Comments (HD)

7. The Committee has authority to consider the matters set out in this report by virtue of its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (NS)

8. There are no direct financial implications arising from the contents of this report. Any future reports to Committee on operational activities and officer working groups, will contain relevant financial information and comments.

Background Papers

None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE - WORK PROGRAMME 2016-17

REPORT TITLE	BRIEF SUMMARY OF AGENDA ITEM	LEAD OFFICER
21 November 2016		
Performance reporting (Quarter 2 2016/17) – Services for Children and Young People	Quarterly performance report	Celia Morris
Nottinghamshire's Schools Causing Concern Strategy		Marion Clay
School Improvement Strategy		Marion Clay
A Strategy for Closing the Educational Gaps in Nottinghamshire	Six monthly review report	Marion Clay
Nottinghamshire review of arrangements for Special Educational Needs and Disability – final report		Marion Clay
Disestablishment of posts in the Integrated Children's Disability Service		Marion Clay
Historical Abuse Unit		Steve Edwards
Proposed amalgamation of support for the Children's Trust and Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board		Derek Higton
Update on Youth Service Countywide team		Derek Higton
Establishment of Youth Worker posts at King's Mill Hospital Children's Ward		Derek Higton
19 December 2016		
School Capital Programme progress report	Six month update report	Jas Hundal
Nottinghamshire Early Years Improvement Plan 2015-17 – six month update	Will include update on 30 hours free childcare	Derek Higton
Children, Young People and Families Plan 2016-18 – six-month update	Six monthly update report	Derek Higton
Troubled Families Programme in Nottinghamshire – six-month update	Six monthly update report	Derek Higton
Youth Homelessness Prevention Plan 2016-2020	For information	Derek Higton
Nottinghamshire Outstanding Achievement 4Uth Award 2016	Annual update report	Derek Higton
Children & Young People's Mental Health & Wellbeing Transformation Plan	Six-monthly report	Kate Allen
Review of the Schools Swimming Service offer		Derek Higton
National Children and Adult Services Conference 2016	Report back on attendance	Colin Pettigrew

REPORT TITLE	BRIEF SUMMARY OF AGENDA ITEM	LEAD OFFICER
Local Authority governor appointments and re-appointments to school governing bodies	For information	Marion Clay
16 January 2017		
Small schools		Marion Clay
Financial support for students in post-16 education	Annual determination	Marion Clay
Looked After Children and Care Leavers Strategy 2015-18 – progress report	Six-monthly progress report.	Steve Edwards
Rota Visits to children's homes: Autumn 2016	Six monthly report	Steve Edwards
Child Sexual Exploitation and Children Missing from Home and Care: update	Six-monthly update	Steve Edwards
20 February 2017		
Performance reporting (Quarter 3 2016/17) – Services for Children and Young People	Quarterly performance report	Celia Morris
Nottinghamshire School Admission Arrangements 2018/19		Marion Clay
Schools Forum and Education Trust Board officer group report	Annual officer group report	Marion Clay
20 March 2017		
National Minimum Fostering Allowances and Fees for Foster Carers and new carer payment model	Annual determination	Steve Edwards
Performance figures for Nottinghamshire schools and academies – academic year 2015/16	For information	Marion Clay
Key Stage 2 performance – analysis and actions	For information	Marion Clay
National Children and Adult Services Conference 2017	For decision	Derek Highton
Local Authority governor appointments and re-appointments to school governing bodies	For information	Marion Clay
Changes to special school nursing provision – update		Kate Allen
24 April 2017		
Exceptional payments for school clothing and footwear 2017/18	Annual determination	Marion Clay
School Capital Programme progress report	Six month update report	Jas Hundal
Children's Workforce Health Check Survey 2016-17		Derek Highton
19 June 2017		
Performance reporting (Quarter 4 2016/17) – Services for Children and Young People	Annual performance report	Celia Morris

REPORT TITLE	BRIEF SUMMARY OF AGENDA ITEM	LEAD OFFICER
Children & Young People's Mental Health & Wellbeing Transformation Plan	Six-monthly report	Kate Allen
A Strategy for Closing the Educational Gaps in Nottinghamshire	Six monthly review report	Marion Clay
Looked After Children and Care Leavers Strategy 2015-18 – annual progress report	Annual report.	Steve Edwards
Principal Child and Family Social Worker - annual report 2016		Steve Edwards
Children, Young People and Families Plan 2016-18 – six-month update	Six monthly update report	Derek Higton
Troubled Families Programme in Nottinghamshire – six-month update	Six monthly update report	Derek Higton
Local Authority governor appointments and re-appointments to school governing bodies	For information	Marion Clay
17 July 2017		
Rota visits to children's homes – Spring 2017	Six monthly report	Steve Edwards
Child Sexual Exploitation and Children Missing from Home and Care: update	Six-monthly update	Steve Edwards
Nottinghamshire Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2017		Derek Higton
Nottinghamshire Early Years Improvement Plan 2015-17 – annual update		Derek Higton
Members' visit to Outdoor & Environmental Education residential centres	For decision	Derek Higton

