



16 September 2016

Agenda Item: 3

Children's Trust Executive Sponsor: Derek Higton

PREVENTION OF YOUTH HOMELESSNESS PLAN 2016-2020

Purpose of the Report

1. To present the Prevention of Youth Homelessness Plan 2016-2020 to Children's Trust Executive Members.

Information and Advice

2. The Prevention of Youth Homelessness Plan follows on from the Council's first Strategy on youth homelessness titled 'Strategy to Prevent and Tackle Youth Homelessness in Nottinghamshire 2012-2015', and builds on the work delivered during the lifespan of that strategy. It seeks to identify current and emerging challenges and plan solutions for 3 key priority areas:
 - the prevention of youth homelessness;
 - the supported accommodation pathway;
 - longer term housing options.
3. This plan has been developed in consultation with Children's Social Care (including the Leaving Care Team), Supported Accommodation Providers, young people and the seven District and Borough Homelessness Teams.
4. Young people living in 16+ supported accommodation were invited to take part in a survey designed to gather their views about: accessing supported accommodation; prevention work that was offered to them; the support service they receive and changes to the welfare system and implications for longer term housing options. Their feedback has been incorporated into this plan and will help shape services in the future.
5. A strategy action plan is contained within the document which identifies actions required to develop the three priority areas. The delivery of this strategy action plan will be discussed at the Youth Homelessness Forum which meets on a quarterly basis and has representation from local authority homeless managers from across the county, Service Manager for Homelessness and Commissioning, Children's Social Care, Leaving Care and the supported accommodation providers.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) The Prevention of Youth Homelessness Plan is approved.

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