



## **Children and Families Alliance Meeting 21 June 2018**

### **Key items covered at this meeting**

#### **Terms of Reference and Membership**

The Terms of Reference for the newly established Children and Families Alliance were accepted with minor amendments (amended version circulated). Following discussion it was agreed that in addition to the existing membership, a representative will be sought from Health Providers and from the voluntary and community sector. It was acknowledged that all members provide a voice for their sector rather than necessarily being representative of their sector. The Terms of Reference will be reviewed in April 2019.

Colin Pettigrew, Corporate Director, Children, Families and Cultural Services will continue to Chair the Alliance and it was agreed that Ed Seeley, Head Teacher of Edgwood Primary School will become the Vice-Chair.

#### **Dates of future meetings**

These were agreed as follows:

- 27 September 2018
- 22 November 2018
- 17 January 2019
- 21 March 2019

All meetings will be held from 9am until 11am and in the future consideration will be given to holding meetings at venues other than County Hall.

There was discussion about organising a separate workshop day, to be held in the autumn term at a venue away from County Hall for public sector funded organisations to get together to consider what good services will look like going forward. Karen Talbot, Partnership and Planning Officer will look at the development of this workshop with appropriate colleagues.

## **Communications**

There was a general view that it would be useful to move away from very formal recordings of meetings to a shorter, briefing style recording that can be shared. It was agreed that there would be consideration of how best to convey the message of what the Alliance is and how it can be used as a channel to disseminate information across partner agencies. There was an agreement that joining up partnerships is the way to move forward and consideration will be given to the possible development of a Partnership Newsletter.

## **Improving Life Chances for Children and Young People in Nottinghamshire**

Irene Kakoullis, Alex McLeish and Rachel Clark from the Improving Life Chances for Children and Families Partnership shared a useful presentation (circulated) included reference to the detailed data that is available from child poverty maps –

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

Colleagues were encouraged to share this information and use it to take a targeted approach.

Reference was made to a soon to published report on social mobility which it will be useful for the Children and Families Alliance to receive.

Working in groups, colleagues discussed the issues raised, considered anything that they felt was missing from the action plan and completed pledge sheets with undertakings of what they or their organisations can do to improve the life chances of children and young people in Nottinghamshire.

## **Items for Alliance meetings for the remainder of 2018/19**

Early Language was suggested as a theme for a forthcoming meeting; research is available looking at the impact this has. It was agreed that Karen Talbot, Partnership and Planning Officer will contact members to gather suggestions for discussion themes. Two potential themes are Safety in Schools and Adverse Childhood Experiences.