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Agenda Item: 09

REPORT OF THE ACTING CORPORATE DIRECTOR, CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND CULTURAL SERVICES

THE TROUBLED FAMILIES PROGRAMME IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Purpose of the Report

1. This report provides further information for noting on the development of the Government's Troubled Families Programme in Nottinghamshire and seeks approval of the Nottinghamshire Families Outcomes Plan.

Information and Advice

2. The Department for Communities and Local Government has recently confirmed the intention for the Troubled Families Programme to be extended for a further five years with another 400,000 families being supported to achieve positive outcomes.
3. The extended Troubled Families Programme will retain the first programme's focus on families with multiple high cost problems and will continue to include families affected by poor school attendance, youth crime, anti-social behaviour and unemployment. However, it will also reach out to families with a broader range of problems.
4. To be eligible for the expanded programme, each family must have at least two of the following six problems:
 - parents or children involved in crime or anti-social behaviour
 - children who have not been attending school regularly
 - children who need help: children of all ages, who need help, are identified as in need or are subject to a Child Protection Plan
 - adults out of work or at risk of financial exclusion or young people at risk of worklessness
 - families affected by domestic violence and abuse
 - parents or children with a range of health problems.
5. Families should be prioritised for inclusion in the programme on the basis of the following:
 - they are families with multiple problems who are most likely to benefit from an integrated, whole family approach; and
 - they are families who are the highest cost to the public purse.

6. Central government funding for the Programme consists of two separate streams:
- firstly, by demonstrating either significant and sustained progress or continuous employment with 5260 families. Each family's achievement of 'significant and sustained' progress will be assessed against a locally defined Troubled Families Outcomes Plan.
 - secondly, to integrate and transform local public services, evidenced through participation in the Programme's National Impact Study, the submission of Family Progress Data and completion of the Programme's Costs Savings Calculator. The local authority will receive a Service Transformation Grant, weighted towards their total number of families, to support this work.

Progress to date

7. Following a number of multi-agency workshops a proposed Nottinghamshire Families Outcome Plan has been produced, attached as **Appendix 1**, which the Committee is asked to approve.
8. The integration and transformation of our Early Help services has been agreed by this committee and the new service is expected to be launched on 1 November 2015.
9. Systems and tools to collect and analyse the appropriate data are under consideration and will make use of the new single assessment and development of Frameworki to maximize the quality of data obtained. It should be noted that colleagues from Children's Social Care and Youth Justice services will also be required to collect data for families for whom they are the lead agency.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

10. To establish a Nottinghamshire Families Outcomes Plan against which the progress of families can be assessed.

Statutory and Policy Implications

11. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, 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.

Financial Implications

12. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the Committee:

- 1) notes the development of the Government's Troubled Families Programme in Nottinghamshire
- 2) approves the proposed Nottinghamshire Families Outcomes Plan, attached as **Appendix 1**.

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Constitutional Comments (LM 25/03/15)

13. The Children and Young People's Committee has delegated authority within the Constitution to approve the recommendations in the report.

Financial Comments (CDS 24/03/15)

14. There are no direct financial implications arising 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.

The Troubled Families Programme in Nottinghamshire – update – report to Children & Young People's Committee on 12 January 2015

Changes to Early Help staffing structures – report to Children & Young People's Committee on 9 March 2015

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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