

13th January 2020

Agenda Item: 9

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, YOUTH, FAMILIES AND SOCIAL WORK

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT 4UTH AWARD 2019

Purpose of the Report

1. This report describes the recent activity of the Youth Service in facilitating the delivery of Nottinghamshire County Council's ninth annual Outstanding Achievement 4Uth Award and seeks approval to receive an update report on activity following the Awards and celebration event for 2020.

Information

- 2. This is the ninth year that the County Council has organised the award.
- 3. From April 2019, through the local media, the Council invited members of the public, professionals, family members and friends to nominate individual young people who have achieved beyond their own boundaries in their lives. This year 96 nominations were received from around the County from a range of individuals and organisations including family members, youth workers, teachers, members of the community, voluntary sector organisations etc.
- 4. As in previous years there was a wide variety of nominations in terms of the skills, talents and interests of young people. The Council received nominations for young people because of their sporting ability, their contributions to the local community, their achievements at school, their charitable work, and their supportive and caring roles within their families.
- 5. There has been significant media interest in all of the young people who were nominated, which has led to the raising of a positive profile of all young people in the County, through a consistent stream of high quality articles published in local papers about the positive impact these young people have made with their peers or their local communities.
- 6. By the time the overall winner of the Outstanding Achievement 4Uth Award was announced, almost 100 young people and adults from all over Nottinghamshire had supported the awards and given their time to making it a success. Local panels of young people, selected from District Youth Forums, and interested adults met in the seven

districts to select local winners. These seven district winners were presented with their awards at the awards evening. The overall winner of the 2019 award was selected by a panel of judges which included young people, Elected Members and representatives from the voluntary sector.

- 7. The formal awards evening took place at County Hall on Friday 22nd November 2019; this event was opened by Councillor Kevin Rostance, Chairman of Nottinghamshire County Council. The audience was musically entertained by local young singers and song writers.
- 8. Jasmine Chapman, the Gedling District winner, was confirmed as the overall winner for the County award. This was in recognition of her work in raising awareness around dwarfism and fund raising to support the work of little people UK. Video clips from celebrities including Warwick Davies and Ellie Simmonds OBE were played on the night where they acknowledged Jasmine's achievements. Jasmine received the County Award award from Councillor Kay Cutts MBE, Leader of the Council.

Other Options Considered

9. No other options have been considered.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

10. To ensure the Committee receives information about activity following the Nottinghamshire Outstanding Achievement 4Uth Award and celebration event for 2020.

Statutory and Policy Implications

11. 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.

Implications for Service Users

12. This event has helped to raise a positive profile of young people within communities in Nottinghamshire.

Financial Implications

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

Crime and Disorder Implications

14. Through increased recognition of local communities about the positive impact young people can achieve there may be a high degree of tolerance given to them and therefore

a reduction in the reporting of low level nuisance behaviour when young people gather together in open spaces.

RECOMMENDATION/S

1) That Committee agrees to receive an update report on activity following the Nottinghamshire Outstanding Achievement 4Uth Award and celebration event for 2020.

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Constitutional Comments (AK 16/12/19)

15. The report falls within the remit of Children and Young People's Committee under its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (SAS 17/12/19)

16. 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.

None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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