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**Agenda Item: 4**

**Children's Trust Board Sponsor: Colin Pettigrew**

## **CHILDREN'S TRUST PARTICIPATION STRATEGY 2017 - 2020**

### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To inform the Children's Trust Board of the forthcoming revised Nottinghamshire Children's Trust Participation Strategy for 2017 – 2020.

### **Information and Advice**

2. Nottinghamshire Children's Trust has demonstrated its commitment to the participation of children and young people in the development of services since the first Participation Strategy was implemented in 2006. The revised areas for development are noted in point 5, which are built on the success of the current strategy and represents an update to 2020. Appendix 1 provides examples of current good practice across the partners of the trust.
3. The right of children and young people to participate is enshrined in the United Nation Convention on the Rights of the Child, and there is a strong expectation in regulatory frameworks such as Ofsted inspection frameworks, that local authorities and their partners evidence the effective involvement of children and young people both in individual decisions which affect their lives and in wider service design.
4. The 2017-2020 online strategy document will identify a number of areas for development in improving the participation of children, young people and families, as well as highlighting areas of good practice across the partnership.
5. The areas for development are as follows:
  - To embed our strategic commitment to the participation of children and young people in the Nottinghamshire Children, Young People and Families Plan.
  - To build on our current strengths of consultation and evaluation of services to create regular opportunities for children, young people and their families to participate in designing services.
  - To ensure we have participation training available for partners which helps to create an environment for children, young people and their families to be offered the opportunity to participate.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 1) That the Children's Trust Board notes the contents of the report.

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