

Statutory Officers Report for Health and Wellbeing Board

Corporate Director of Children and Adult Services

January 2015

Children and Adults Staffing Changes

Children's Social Care

Steve Combs joined Nottingham City Council on 5th January 2015 as our new Head of Children in Care.

Clive Chambers has been appointed as Head of Safeguarding Quality Assurance and will join the authority next month.

Vulnerable Children and Families Directorate

Tajinder Madahar was appointed to the role of Interim Head of Extensive and Specialist Services. Shelley Nicholls will be leading the FIP and YOT services during this interim period.

Following Mark Andrews departure earlier this month, Aileen Wilson has been confirmed as the interim Head of Early Help

Early Intervention Directorate

Pete Moyes left Nottingham City Council at the end of last year, his Heads of Service Christine Oliver and Tim Spink have been jointly confirmed as Interim Directors.

Following structural changes within the Early Intervention Directorate, Katy Ball and Colin Monckton are now confirmed as Directors.

Budget

The financial situation faced by local government over the last few years has been extremely difficult and is getting harder each year. On current projections, Nottingham settlement will have reduced by **c£100m** between 2010/11 and 2015/16 creating a budget gap for 2015/16 of £27.125m increasing to £62.950 in 2017/18.

During the budget process colleagues and councillors have worked together to identify proposals totalling £21.800m which, when taken together, direct funding into the Council's priorities of supporting the most vulnerable, local jobs, and enjoying Nottingham and balance the budget.

Resources are proposed to be redirected by:

- Reducing demand and reviewing the way we commission our services.
- Reviewing and optimising income streams of all kinds
- Redesigning and modernising our service provision / identifying efficiencies

In addition the Council will continue its focus on regeneration and growth through its Capital Investment Strategy.



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This leaves a gap in 2015/16 of over **£5m** where savings proposals are yet to be finalised. Further proposals will be released and form part of the final budget report in February.

Information has been made available to citizens on our website to allow them to comment on the proposals.

Peer Review of Adults Services

During November we had a three day Peer Review of our Adults Safeguarding Board and Homecare Services. The feedback was extremely helpful and provided assurance that our areas for development will deliver the improvements which we have already identified. One of the big priorities we'd already identified was strengthening arrangements for our Adult Safeguarding Board in light of the requirements of the Care Act. We will be exploring this further with the Safeguarding Board. We need to ensure everyone is aware of the high priority it should be given.

Nottingham City Schools Making Good Progress

All seven of the City's secondary schools and academies who were placed in Special Measures by Ofsted in November last year have now been judged by Ofsted to be making 'reasonable progress' towards improvement.

We've worked really hard with these schools and academies over the last twelve months on a range of issues including behaviour and attendance, including our high profile 'I'm in School' attendance campaign. The schools themselves have been committed to improving and working with us and have done really well.

There's still more work to do to ensure the improvements continue and our Joint Directors of Education, Pat and Sarah Fielding are driving this. Part of the work includes the revised Education Improvement Board with a new independent Chair and work streams.

Children and Adults IT Update

We have produced a Requirements Specification to develop a new Social Care system, this is currently being finalised by procurement and is going through our legal processes in the hope that we can go out to tender as soon as possible.

We're also continuing to carry out improvements and changes to CareFirst and Castle. There's an approved list of changes that we need to make in order to meet the recommendations from our recent Safeguarding Inspection, as well as to ensure we're ready to meet the needs of the Care Act in April 2015, and to generally make our systems better and faster.

Child Sexual Exploitation

Nottingham City is hosting a visit from the Department for Communities and Local Government regarding child sexual exploitation on the 12th January

2014. This is a great opportunity to highlight the great work that already happens in the City, coordinated through the Child Sexual Exploitation Cross Authority Group (CSECAG), a sub-group of the Nottingham City Safeguarding Children's Board (NCSCCB). This visit will also help us to identify further areas of development, which can be reported to a future Health and Wellbeing Board meeting.