

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
27 OCTOBER 2015
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – TERMS OF REFERENCE
REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

1. Purpose

To update members on the terms of reference for the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee.

2. Action required

The Committee is asked to note the purpose and remit of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee, as detailed in the terms of reference (appendix 1).

3. Background information

- 3.1 On 9 September 2015, Full Council established the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee to provide robust scrutiny of issues and services relevant to the wellbeing and safeguarding of children and young people in Nottingham.
- 3.2 The Jay and Casey Reports on Child Sexual Exploitation, and how it was addressed in Rotherham, drew specific attention to the need for better local authority scrutiny to contribute to the protection of children and young people, through listening to local people, influencing policy and holding decision makers to account.
- 3.3 During its inspection of services for children in need of help and protection in April 2014, Ofsted noted that whilst Nottingham City Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee receives a copy of the Nottingham City Safeguarding Children Board's (NCSCB) Annual Report, the governance arrangements were not sufficiently robust and the Committee does not hear directly from the NCSCB independent chair on safeguarding issues.
- 3.4 The Committee will meet on a bi-monthly basis and have a responsibility in relation to children and young people to:
- (i) provide an appropriate and robust level of challenge to those in authority and hold local decision-makers, including the Council's Executive, to account for their decisions, action and performance;

- (ii) review policy and contribute to the development of new policies and strategies of the Council and other local decision-makers where they impact on Nottingham's children and young people;
- (iii) explore any matters affecting Nottingham's children and young people;
- (iv) make reports and recommendations to relevant local agencies in relation to the delivery of their functions, including the Council and its Executive, and monitor implementation of all accepted recommendations.

4. List of attached information

- 4.1 Appendix 1 – terms of reference for the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee.

5. Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information

- 5.1 None

6. Published documents referred to in compiling this report

- 6.1 Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee, Full Council report, dated 9 September 2015.

7. Wards affected

- 7.1 Citywide

8. Contact information

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