

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
4 JANUARY 2017
DISCUSSION WITH THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR EARLY INTERVENTION AND EARLY YEARS
REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR STRATEGY AND RESOURCES

1 Purpose

- 1.1 An opportunity to hear from the Portfolio Holder for Early Intervention and Early Years on his key priorities, objectives in 2016/17 and current challenges.

2 Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to use the information received at the meeting from Councillor David Mellen, Portfolio Holder for Early Intervention and Early Years, to inform questioning.

3 Background information

- 3.1 On 9 November 2015, the Council Plan was formally approved by Full Council and this will guide the Council's services and approach to support the delivery of its key priorities for the city over the next four years to 2019.
- 3.2 Each Portfolio Holder has been consulted on the deliverables in their area and the Portfolio Holder for Early Intervention and Early Years will attend the Committee to outline his overall vision for his executive portfolio.
- 3.3 In the Council Plan 2015-19, Councillor David Mellen identified the following:
- aims over the next 4 years:
 - to give all Nottingham's children the best start in life;
 - enable Nottingham's children and young people to thrive by providing opportunities to utilise their energy and enthusiasm;
 - key things that will be done:
 - ensure that in the evening and at weekends, as well as during school holidays, there are a range of positive activities for children and young people to enjoy in every part of the City;
 - promote the Dolly Parton Imagination Library scheme so that every child under 5 in Nottingham receives a free book monthly;

- work with the parents of 4,500 children to create new services for babies and toddlers in the Big Lottery funded Small Steps Big Changes programme.

3.4 Since 2011, the portfolio has achieved the following:

- offered support and facilities for young people by developing a central youth centre open 7 days a week, and improving 3 other neighbourhood centres;
- reduced the number of young people committing crime by 39% between 2011 and 2015;
- worked with partners to secure £45m of Big Lottery funding for the Small Steps Big Changes programme to improve the lives of 0-3 year olds.

4 List of attached information

4.1 Children, Early Intervention and Early Years – Council Plan 2015-2019

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 None.

7 Wards affected

7.1 All.

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