

<b>CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>
<b>17 JANUARY 2017</b>
<b>POST SAFEGUARDING INSPECTION PROGRESS</b>
<b>REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR STRATEGY AND RESOURCES</b>

## **1 Purpose**

- 1.1 To consider and review progress of the action plan in response to the Ofsted inspection in 2014.

## **2 Action required**

- 2.1 To scrutinise the Council's performance in meeting actions arising from the Ofsted inspection in 2014.

## **3 Background information**

- 3.1 In November 2015, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee reviewed progress made by Nottingham City Council in its action plan developed in response to the Ofsted inspection in 2014.
- 3.2 Since the inspection in 2014, the Council has established the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee to facilitate the scrutiny of issues and services relevant to the wellbeing and safeguarding of children and young people in Nottingham. As a result, the Committee reviews a range of service areas bi-monthly providing robust challenge and receives regular updates on performance and progress. This review will provide an opportunity to consider some of the specific actions taken by Nottingham City Council on its improvement journey following the inspection in 2014.
- 3.2 In March 2014, Ofsted inspected Nottingham City Council's services for children in need of help and protection; children looked after and care leavers (also known as the Single Inspection). The inspection was unannounced and lasted for four weeks; inspectors met with managers, frontline workers and partners and they sampled a large number of case files to judge the quality of safeguarding practice in the City. The inspection also included a review of the Nottingham City Safeguarding Children's Board (NCSCB).
- 3.3 Their main findings were that, across all elements of the inspection framework, we 'required improvement' but they found no children to be 'unsafe' in the City. The inspection did not find any areas for priority and immediate action; however key areas for improvement were identified. The full Ofsted report is available here <http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/local-authorities/nottingham>.

- 3.4 In response to the key findings Nottingham City Council was asked to produce an Improvement Action Plan identifying each action and detailing what will be done to address it and by whom. This Improvement Action Plan was submitted to Ofsted in August 2014. Since the inspection, Nottingham City Council has actively engaged with Ofsted and has worked with them to pilot 'Challenge Seminars' designed to help local authorities develop their improvement plans.

**4 List of attached information**

- 4.1 None.

**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 Overview and Scrutiny Committee agenda and minutes dated 4 November 2015.

**7 Wards affected**

- 7.1 Citywide.

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