

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
21 NOVEMBER 2017
SCRUTINY OF PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR EARLY INTERVENTION AND EARLY YEARS
REPORT OF HEAD OF LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To discuss with the Portfolio Holder for Early Intervention and Early Years his key priorities, progress against relevant aspects of the Council Plan, challenges and pressures and key objectives for 2017/18.

2 Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to use the information provided at the meeting by the 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 guides the Council's services and approach to support the delivery of its key priorities for the City over the subsequent four years to 2019.
- 3.2 Overview and scrutiny has a role in scrutinising performance and progress against the Council Plan and therefore a programme of sessions with Portfolio Holders has been established. The majority of these sessions are carried out by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee but the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee leads on scrutiny of issues within the remit of the Portfolio Holder for Early Intervention and Early Years.
- 3.3 Councillor Mellen is the Portfolio Holder for Early Intervention and Early Years and will be attending the meeting to discuss progress against relevant aspects of the Council Plan; current challenges and pressures; and his key priorities for 2017/18.
- 3.4 The Early Intervention and Early Years theme within the Council Plan sets out ambitions to achieve the following by the end of the Plan:
- 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

The key things that the Plan states will take place are:

- 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

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 Nottingham City Council Plan 2015-2019

7 Wards affected

7.1 All

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