

<b>CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>
<b>19 DECEMBER 2017</b>
<b>SCRUTINY OF PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR BUSINESS, EDUCATION AND SKILLS (WITH RESPECT TO SCHOOLS PRIORITIES WITHIN THE COUNCIL PLAN)</b>
<b>REPORT OF HEAD OF LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE</b>

## **1 Purpose**

- 1.1 To discuss with the Portfolio Holder for Business, Education and Skills progress against the schools priorities within the Council Plan, his priorities and key objectives for 2017/18 and the challenges and pressures facing the Portfolio.

## **2 Action required**

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to use the information provided at the meeting by the Portfolio Holder for Business, Education and Skills 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 relevant to the schools aspects of the Portfolio for Business, Education and Skills.
- 3.3 Councillor Webster is the Portfolio Holder for Business, Education and Skills 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 Schools theme within the Council Plan sets out ambitions to achieve the following by the end of the Plan:
  - Access to a good school close to home for every young person in Nottingham

- Enable children in the City to achieve their potential at school and in later life

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

- Ensure every child in Nottingham is taught in a school judged good or outstanding by Ofsted
- Increase the number of young people getting 5 or more A\*-C grades at GCSE including English and Maths to above the national average
- Guarantee a choice of places for every child at a local primary school
- Create more special school places for our children's additional needs

#### **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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