

**Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee**  
**25 March 2021**

**The Impact on Speech and Language Needs on Outcomes for Children and Young People**

**Report of the Head of Legal and Governance**

**1 Purpose**

1.1 To review support for children and young people with speech, language and communication needs.

**2 Action required**

2.1 The Committee is asked to:

- a) consider the information provided on support made available to children and young people with speech, language and communication needs;
- b) consider and comment on the development plan for the Early Years Strategy; and
- c) consider whether any further scrutiny should be carried out in relation to this issue.

**3 Background information**

3.1 A key recommendation arising from a Local Government Association Peer Challenge carried out with Nottingham City Council in 2019 was to develop a collaboratively produced citywide Early Years Strategy, with a particular focus on speech, language and communication (SLC).

3.2 It was recommended that the Strategy focused on upskilling the workforce, early identification of SLC, offering a clear journey for parents and carers, and informing long-term planning to improve children's outcomes and reduce inequalities.

4 Colleagues from Early Years will attend the Committee meeting to outline the support available and progress in relation to the Strategy, to inform the Committee and enable members to identify any particular themes or areas for future scrutiny.

**5 List of attached information**

5.1 Report from Early Years.

**6 Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information**

6.1 None.

**7 Published documents referred to in compiling this report**

7.1 None.

**8 Wards affected**

8.1 All.

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