

**Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee**  
**29 July 2021**

**Scrutiny of Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People**

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

**1 Purpose**

- 1.1 To hold the Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People to account for delivery of aspects of the Council Plan 2019 to 2023 that relate to children and young people.

**2 Action required**

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to:
- a) scrutinise delivery of aspects of the Council Plan 2019 to 2023 and management of budget pressures that relate to services for children and young people; and
  - b) identify if there are any issues that it wishes to focus on for further scrutiny, and include in its work programme.

**3 Background information**

- 3.1 On 11 November 2019 Council approved the Council Plan 2019 to 2023, setting out priorities that will lead plans and decisions for the next four years. Overview and scrutiny has an important role in holding the Executive to account and scrutinising performance and progress in the delivery of the Council Plan. Therefore, a programme of scrutiny sessions with Portfolio Holders has been established. The majority of these sessions are carried out by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, but this Committee leads on scrutiny of issues that relate to children and young people.
- 3.2 The Council is in the process of refreshing its Strategic Plan within the context of its focus on recovery and improvement, budget constraints and the impact of the pandemic. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the draft Plan at its meeting on 7 July 2021.
- 3.4 Councillor Cheryl Barnard is the Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People. She has been invited to attend the meeting to discuss:
- performance on delivery of the Council Plan over the last year;
  - proposals relating to children and young people in the proposed new Strategic Plan 2021-23;
  - the management of budget pressures within children's services, including delivery of agreed savings;

- transformation activity relating to children’s services that is taking place in support of the Council’s focus on recovery and improvement; and
- looking ahead to next year’s budget and service planning.

#### **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 Council Plan 2019 – 2023

6.2 ‘Budget 2021/22’ report to, and minute of the City Council meeting on 8 March 2021

6.3 Nottingham City Council Draft Strategic Plan 2021-23

6.4 Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 7 July 2021

#### **7 Wards affected**

7.1 All

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