

<b>HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>
<b>23 MARCH 2017</b>
<b>REDUCING UNPLANNED TEENAGE PREGNANCIES</b>
<b>REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR STRATEGY AND RESOURCES</b>

## **1 Purpose**

- 1.1 To review whether the focus and investment in reducing unplanned teenage pregnancies in Nottingham over the last 16 years is resulting in a sustainable reduction in teenage pregnancy rates.

## **2 Action required**

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to identify whether any further scrutiny is required.

## **3 Background information**

- 3.1 Teenage pregnancy is a health inequalities issues. Teenage mothers, and children born to teenage mothers are at greater risk of experiencing a range of poorer health and wellbeing outcomes.
- 3.2 In line with the national Teenage Pregnancy Strategy, published in 1999, reducing unplanned teenage pregnancies has been a priority in Nottingham for a number of years, with focused activity to reduce teenage pregnancy rates.
- 3.3 Over that time there has been a reduction in the teenage pregnancy rate nationally and locally. In Nottingham the target to halve teenage pregnancy by 2020 was met by 2014, but the England under-18 conception rate remains higher than other Western European countries and the rate in Nottingham is still above the national average.
- 3.4 The Council Plan 2015-2019 includes a target to reduce teenage pregnancy by a further third.
- 3.5 The Teenage Pregnancy Taskforce is currently chaired by Councillor Alex Norris, Portfolio Holder for Adults and Health. The role of this Taskforce is to lead and co-ordinate activity locally to reduce teenage pregnancy, improve health outcomes and support teenage parents, including through delivery of the Teenage Pregnancy Plan.

- 3.6 A paper on work to reduce unplanned teenage pregnancies in Nottingham is attached. The latest data on teenage pregnancy rates is due to be published on 22 March and will be provided at the meeting.

**4 List of attached information**

- 4.1 Report on reducing unplanned teenage pregnancy in Nottingham

**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 Joint Strategic Needs Assessment chapter: Reducing unplanned teenage pregnancy and supporting teenage parents (December 2016)

**7 Wards affected**

- 7.1 All

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