

<b>CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>
<b>19 MARCH 2019</b>
<b>SCHOOL PLACE PLANNING</b>
<b>REPORT OF HEAD OF LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE</b>

## **1 Purpose**

- 1.1 To review progress in meeting the Council's statutory duty to ensure the supply of sufficient school places for secondary education, as is the requirement under Section 14 of the Education Act 1996.

## **2 Action required**

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to use the information in the presentation and discussions with the Director of Education Services, to review progress in meeting the Council's statutory duty to ensure the supply of sufficient school places for secondary education.
- 2.2 The Committee is asked to note the secondary school place planning requirements, context, challenges, strategy and solutions.

## **3 Background information**

- 3.1 School place provision is a statutory requirement for Local Authorities, which are also unable to open new schools.
- 3.2 Nottingham City Council, as commissioners of education working with a range of providers, aim to deliver school places in a way that promotes parental choice and enables children to access good schools close to home.
- 3.3 The requirement for strategic place planning within the context of a fragmented education system and limited financial resources continues to prove challenging.
- 3.4 Nick Lee, Director of Education Services, will be attending the meeting to present the report and answer questions from Councillors.

## **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 None.

**7 Wards affected**

7.1 All.

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