

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
8 JANUARY 2020
DISCUSSION WITH THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR EARLY YEARS, EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT
REPORT OF HEAD OF LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To hear from the Portfolio Holder for Early Years, Education and Employment on her main priorities and challenges for the 2019/20 municipal year in relation to the Employment element of her Portfolio only.

2 Action required

- 2.1 To use the information received at the meeting from Councillor Neghat Khan, Portfolio Holder for Early Years, Education and Employment, to inform questioning and identify potential areas for future scrutiny in relation to the Employment element of her Portfolio.

3 Background information

- 3.1 The key responsibilities for the Portfolio Holder for Early Years, Education and Employment are:

Early Years

Schools

Education Improvement Board

Educational provision 3 – 16 including Academies and Free Schools

School re-organisation and governance,

Attendance

Special Educational Needs – Special Education Schools

Pupil Referral Units

Virtual School for Children in Care

Employability in Schools

Services to schools

School Catering

Jobs and Skills

Lead on skills and employment

Post 16 Training, FE and HE

Apprenticeships

Develop opportunities for young people and adults

Local Jobs for Local People and Making the Connections

Investment initiatives

Nottingham and Notts Futures Advice, Skills and Employment

- 3.2 On 11 November 2019 the Council Plan was approved by full Council, and guides the Council's services and approach to support the delivery of its key priorities for the city until May 2023.

- 3.3 It includes five key objectives:
- Build or buy 1,000 Council or social homes for rent
 - Create 15,000 new jobs for Nottingham people
 - Build a new Central Library, making it the best children's library in the UK
 - Cut crime, and reduce anti-social behaviour by a quarter
 - Ensure Nottingham is the cleanest big city in England and keep neighbourhoods as clean as the city centre
- 3.4 In addition, a total of 185 pledges are included under five key headings:
- Nottingham People – support for children, young people, students, families, older people, education and health
 - Living in Nottingham – making Nottingham clean and green, improving transport, housing and providing opportunities
 - Growing Nottingham – developing neighbourhoods and the city centre, creating jobs and training opportunities and supporting businesses and inward investment.
 - Respect for Nottingham – tackling crime and anti-social behaviour and supporting strong local communities
 - Serving Nottingham better – improving council services and promoting equality.
- 3.5 Councillor Neghat Khan will be in attendance at the meeting to discuss her main priorities and challenges for the 2019/20 municipal year, and the elements of the Council Plan that she is responsible for, in relation to the Employment element of her Portfolio. The Early Years and Education elements of the Portfolio will be discussed at the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee.

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 Council Plan 2019-23.

7 Wards affected

7.1 All.

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