



## REPORT TO CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND EDUCATION SCRUTINY BOARD

11 September 2017

<b>Subject:</b>	Update on the Children's Social Care Trust and the future role of scrutiny
<b>Cabinet Portfolio:</b>	Councillor Simon Hackett - Cabinet Member for Children's Services
<b>Director:</b>	Executive Director of Children's Services – Jim Leivers
<b>Contribution towards Vision 2030:</b>	 
<b>Exempt Information Ref:</b>	
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### DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

#### **That Children's Services and Education Scrutiny Board:**

1. That the Scrutiny Board considers the update on the Children's Social Care Trust and its future role in relation to the Trust and identifies any further information required, or recommendations it wishes to make to the Cabinet.

#### **1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To consider an update on the Sandwell Children's Social Care Trust, including the following:
  - The current position; and
  - The role of scrutiny in relation to the Trust.

## **2 IMPLICATION FOR THE COUNCIL'S AMBITION**

- 2.1 The Sandwell Children's Social Care Trust aims to improve outcomes for vulnerable children and families and improve social care practice. Therefore, the Trust will help achieve the ambitions around caring for vulnerable children and families and helping the community feel safer.

## **3 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS**

- 3.1 To be outlined in the presentation.

## **4 THE CURRENT POSITION**

- 4.1 To be outlined in the presentation.

## **5 CONSULTATION (CUSTOMERS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS)**

- 5.1 There is no requirement to consult on this issue.

## **6 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 6.1 The Local Authority is under a statutory direction to set up a new arrangement in the form of a Children's Trust to deliver children's social care services. There are no alternative options.

## **7 STRATEGIC RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 There are no strategic resource implications arising directly from this report.

## **8 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS**

- 8.1 To be outlined in the presentation.

## **9 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- 9.1 The Local Authority aims to ensure equality for vulnerable children and families and improve social care practice. In this way the Trust will contribute towards equality in the wider community.

## **10 DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- 10.1 There are no data protection issues arising from this report.

## **11 CRIME AND DISORDER AND RISK ASSESSMENT**

11.1 There are no crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

## **12 SUSTAINABILITY OF PROPOSALS**

12.1 The proposals contained in this report have been future proofed for future requirements.

## **13 HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING SOCIAL VALUE)**

13.1 The Sandwell Children's Social Care Trust aims to improve outcomes for vulnerable children and families and improve social care practice. In this way, the Trust will contribute towards the health and wellbeing of the wider community.

## **14 IMPACT ON ANY COUNCIL MANAGED PROPERTY OR LAND**

14.1 There is no effect to assets or land owned or managed by the Council.

## **15 CONCLUSIONS AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS**

15.1 To be outlined in the presentation.

## **16 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

16.1 None.

## **17 APPENDICES:**

None

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