


REPORT TO CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND EDUCATION SCRUTINY BOARD

08 January 2018

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| Subject: | Update on the Children's Social Care Trust |
| Cabinet Portfolio: | Councillor Simon Hackett - Cabinet Member for Children's Services |
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| Contribution towards Vision 2030: |  |
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DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That Children's Services and Education Scrutiny Board:

1. Considers and comments on the update on the Children's Social Care Trust.

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To consider an update on the Sandwell Children's Social Care 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.

2.2 The Children's Social Care Trust will support the Council's ambitions:

- 2.3 5. Our communities are built on mutual respect and taking care of each other, supported by all the agencies that ensure we feel safe and protected in our homes and local neighbourhoods.
- 2.4 4. Our children benefit from the best start in life and a high quality education throughout their school careers with outstanding support from their teachers and families.
- 2.5 2. Sandwell is a place where we live healthy lives and live them for longer and where those of us who are vulnerable feel respected and cared for.
- 2.6 1. Sandwell is a community where our families have high aspirations and where we pride ourselves on equality of opportunity and on our adaptability and resilience.

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 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:

17.1 None.

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