



# NEXT STEPS: Review of Services

#### Cambridge Education – Report August 2018







## **Lead Member Priorities**

School readiness School outcomes School to work

Vision 2030 ambitions





#### VISION 2030 Sandwell

#### The brief:

Review the remaining services in Children's Services following the formation of the new Trust and set out the statutory duties and powers of the Council in relation to them.

Develop recommendations to enable the Council to consider ways of organising and delivering services more cost effectively and of helping to achieve better outcomes for children, young people and families.







# **Cambridge Education Review**

STAGE 1:

- Review current education provision and expenditure;
- Identify statutory responsibilities of the Council;
- Identify possible options for provision. STAGE 2:
- A more detailed look at Connexions, Employment and Skills, Early Years and Childcare, Children's Centres, Youth Services







## What did the Review say?

- A good description of services currently delivered;
- A good description of the Council's statutory duties;
- A series of options for change BUT:
  - Partial
  - Not strategic (and not linked to Vision 2030 or Lead Member priorities)
  - Didn't focus on improving outcomes
  - Suggested further reviews be carried out.







### Focus 1

#### **Connexions and Employment & Skills:**

 Develop reach and impact for young people, schools and employers to improve outcomes all



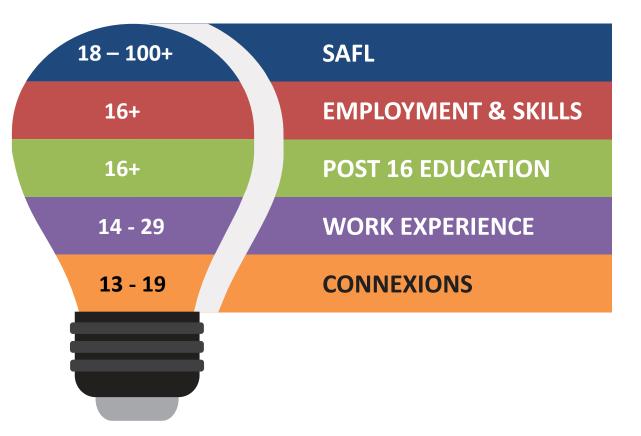




5 Elements....

The Careers and Employment Service

Efficiency saving of £250k 19/20









## **Opportunities**

How can we make the best use of our existing services to support:-

- the development of our inclusive growth strategy
- the local and regional skills strategy







#### Focus 2

#### **Early Years**

Re-consider how all services for children and families are configured to maximise integrated working



## The data....

Percentage of children with a good level of development (GLD)

- 2018 **66%**
- 2017 64%
- 2016 61%

# Gap to national GLD performance

2018 5%
2017 7%
2016 8%

# Town breakdown

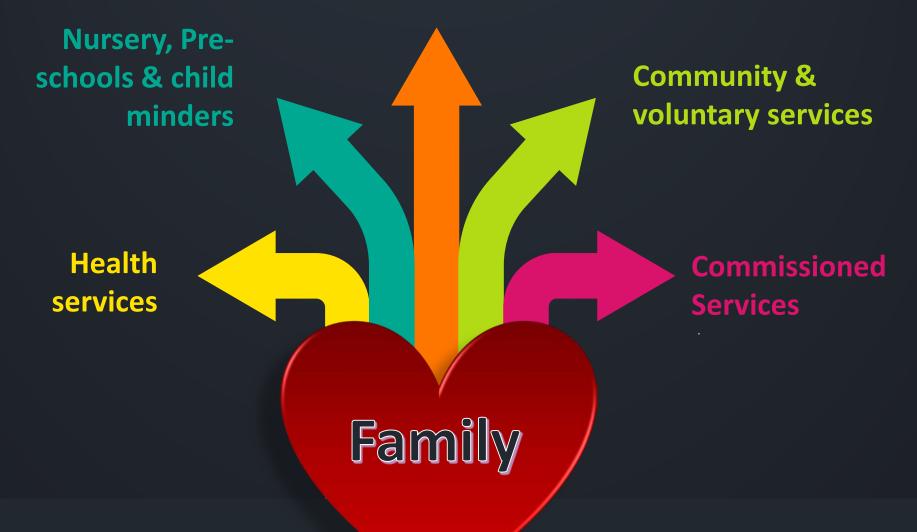
Town	GLD
Rowley	72
Wednesbury	70
Oldbury	68
West Bromwich	67
Tipton	64
Smethwick	61

# **School Readiness Defined**

- Are able to communicate their needs and have good vocabulary
- Are independent in eating, getting dressed and going to the toilet
- Are able to take turns, sit still and listen and play
- Able to socialise with peers, form friendships and separate from parent(s)
- Have physical good health, including dental health
- Are well nourished and within the healthy weight for height range

## Improving school readiness – whose role?

#### **COUNCIL SERVICES**







## Focus 3: Children's Centres, Youth Services and Play Services

- Review the delivery of Qualified Teacher Status within Children's Centres
- Root the Youth Service in the Early Help Offer
- Closer integration of Children's Centres with other Services (nb £700k reduction in 2019/20)
- Early Help Hubs for Children's Centres and Youth Services, including Play Services



# Vision 2030

