

## **CABINET – 14TH MARCH 2019**

### **Report of the Overview Scrutiny Group**

#### **ITEM 9      CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S STRATEGY 2019 - 2024**

##### Purpose of Report

To consider the comments and recommendations of the Overview Scrutiny Group in relation to the approval and consideration of the Children and Young People's Strategy 2019 – 2024.

##### Recommendation of the Overview Scrutiny Group

That the Cabinet be informed that the Group supports the recommendations as set out in the report of the Head of Neighbourhood Services.

##### Reason

Having considered the report and asked questions of the Lead Member for Communities, Safety and Wellbeing and the Head of Neighbourhood Services on the matter, the Group concluded that it would be appropriate for the Cabinet to approve the recommendations set out in the report.

##### Meeting Discussion

Following questions from the Group, the Lead Member for Communities, Safety and Wellbeing and the Head of Neighbourhood Services provided the following responses:

- (i) The Group was advised that the draft strategy had already been considered by the Policy Scrutiny Group and the officers had taken on board their comments. The Strategy was now shorter and more user friendly.
- (ii) The strategy covered children and young people from the ages of 0 – 19 which was the same age range used for the Children and Families Plan as well as other services and it was felt appropriate for the strategy.
- (iii) The safeguarding policies were refreshed on an annual basis and relevant staff within the Council had been trained to look out for any signs of concern and to report them to a safeguarding officer.

##### Policy Justification and Previous Decisions

Scrutiny Committee Procedure 11.12 sets out the procedure by which a report of a scrutiny committee should be considered by the Cabinet.

## Implementation Timetable including Future Decisions and Scrutiny

The information on this in the Cabinet report is not affected by the recommendation of the Overview Scrutiny Group.

### Report Implications

The following implications have been identified for this report.

#### *Financial Implications*

There are no further financial implications associated with the recommendation of the Overview Scrutiny Group.

#### *Risk Management*

There are no specific risks associated with the recommendation of the Overview Scrutiny Group.

Key Decision: Yes

Background Paper: Overview Scrutiny Group Minute 66 2018/19,  
11th March 2019

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