

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Families, Children &amp; Learning Annual Report 2016/17 and Looking Ahead</b>		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> June 2017</b>		
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Executive Director- Families, Children &amp; Learning</b>		
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Carolyn Bristow</b>	<b>Tel: 01273 293736</b>
	<b>Email:</b>	<b>Carolyn.bristow@brighton-hove.gov.uk</b>	
<b>Ward(s) affected:</b>	<b>All</b>		

**FOR GENERAL RELEASE**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT**

- 1.1 To set out a summary of the work of the Families, Children & Learning Directorate over the past 12 months and to communicate our intentions for the next year and beyond.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 2.1 That the committee note the report

**3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 3.1 In June 2016 an annual report was produced for the first time. This report set out key achievements from the past year. It was recommended that future reports are briefer yet formatted better for communication purposes.
- 3.2 This report can be used with a variety of audiences for a number of purposes. It communicates some of our key achievements and challenges from the past year and sets out our key planned activity for 2017/18 and beyond.

**4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 4.1 It is good practice for a directorate such as Families, Children & Learning to produce an annual communication of its activities.

**5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION**

- 5.1 The Families, Children & Learning directorate undertakes a wide range of engagements and consultation activities in a number of areas. Proposals that include significant changes are always subject to a range of consultation activities, with staff, trades unions and with service users. Children & Young People are engaged with in a number of ways to find out their views on our services, this is especially true of some of our vulnerable groups such as disabled and children in care.

- 5.2 Our report sets out how we want to do things differently in the future, this includes speaking to young people and working with our partners to explore how we can make Brighton & Hove a better place for all.

## 6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 Members are asked to note the attached report

## 7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

### Financial Implications:

- 7.1 The final outturn for Families, Children and Learning in 2016/17 was an overspend of £3.945m against a General Fund net budget of £80.407m. Budget savings of £5.480m, Pressure funding of £6.236m and Commitment funding of £0.278m have been agreed for 2017/18. It is anticipated that the budget will be under pressure in 2017/18 as a result of ongoing levels of demand on Adults Learning Disability and Children's placements.

*Finance Officer Consulted: Louise Hoten*

*Date: 25/04/17*

### Legal Implications:

- 7.2 The report sets out the work of the Children's Services directorate over the past 12 months with a view to demonstrating the progress made towards the strategic priorities set by Committee. The meeting of those priorities will assist the Council in meeting a range of statutory duties.

*Lawyer Consulted: Elizabeth Culbert*

*Date: 02/05/17*

### Equalities Implications:

- 7.3 The Families, Children & Learning directorate is committed to improving outcomes for the most vulnerable and excluded children, young people and adults with learning disabilities in the city. Our report sets out how we are going to take this work forward over the next year and beyond.

### Sustainability Implications:

- 7.4 N/A

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

### **Appendices:**

1. Families, Children & Learning Annual Report 2016/17 and Looking Ahead

### **Documents in Members' Rooms**

1. None

## **Background Documents**

1. None

