

Subject:	Families, Children & Learning Annual Report 2017/18 and looking forward		
Date of Meeting:	18 June 2018		
Report of:	Executive Director of Families, Children & Learning		
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Ward(s) affected:	All		

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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 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 should be briefer and better formatted for wider communication purposes. A report was produced for 16/17 that took on a new style / approach and has been well received by staff and partners.

- 3.2 This year's report, given as appendix 1, can be used with a variety of audiences for a number of purposes. It communicates some of our key achievements from the past year and sets out our key challenges and planned activity for 2018/19 and beyond.

4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

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

- 4.2 As the main annual report is used as an overview document it is not practical to include a great deal of detail about our services. That information is available elsewhere in other reports in the public domain. These include:

- Local Safeguarding Children Board annual report, containing social care data
- Annual standards report on educational attainment

- A range of reports that have been considered by the Children, Young People & Skills Committee, the Health & Wellbeing Board and the Policy & Resources Committee, all of which are in the public domain
- Reports that are considered by the Corporate Parenting Board which all Members are invited to attend if they wish
- Ofsted and Care Quality Commission reports about the range of provision that the directorate has direct responsibility for or, in the case of schools, has oversight of.

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The Families, Children & Learning directorate undertakes a wide range of engagement 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, adults with learning disabilities and their families are engaged with in a number of ways to find out their views on our services, this is especially true of some of our more vulnerable groups such as those who are disabled and children in care.
- 5.2 Our report sets out how we want to do things differently in the future; this includes working more in partnership with others in the city, further embedding of the whole family approach and ensuring Brighton & Hove is a city 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 2017/18 was an overspend of £2.586m against a General Fund net budget of £82.020m. Budget savings of £4.308m, Pressure funding of £5.798m and Commitment funding of £0.560m have been agreed for 2018/19. It is anticipated that the budget will be under pressure in 2018/19 as a result of ongoing levels of demand on Adults Learning Disability and Children's placements.

Finance Officer Consulted: Louise Hoten

Date: 11/05/2018

Legal Implications:

- 7.2 The report sets out the work of the Families, Children & Learning 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: Natasha Watson

Date: 08/06/2018

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

Any Other Significant Implications:

- 7.5 N/A

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Families, Children & Learning Annual Report 2017/18 and looking forward

