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Agenda

To all Members of the

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

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Venue: Virtual Meeting through Microsoft Teams

Date: Tuesday, 29th September, 2020

Time: 5.00 pm

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Items for Consideration:

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To consider the extent, if any, to which the public and press are to be excluded from the meeting.
3. Declarations of Interest, if any.
4. Public Statements.
(A period not exceeding 20 minutes for statements from up to 5 members of the public on matters within the Panel's remit, proposing action(s) which may be considered or contribute towards the future development of the Panel's work programme).

A. Items where the Public and Press may not be excluded

5. Making Doncaster the Most Child Friendly Borough in the Country - Participation and Engagement Theme (Pages 1 - 10).
6. Doncaster Offer (Pages 11 - 30).
7. Overview and Scrutiny Work Plan and Council's Forward Plan of Key Decisions (Pages 31 - 42).

MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

Chair –Councillor Neil Gethin
Vice-Chair –Councillor Lani-Mae Ball

Councillors Nick Allen, Jane Cox, George Derx, Susan Durant, Tina Reid, Frank Tyas and Sue Wilkinson

Invitees: Jim Board - Unison

Education Co-optees*

John Hoare
Bernadette Nesbit

*Education Co-optees are invited to attend the meeting and vote on any Education functions which are the responsibility of the Authority's Executive. They may also participate in but not vote on other issues relating to Children and Young People.



Doncaster Council

Report

Date: 29th September
2020

To the Chair and Members of the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee

MAKING DONCASTER THE MOST CHILD FRIENDLY BOROUGH IN THE COUNTRY – PARTICIPATION & ENGAGEMENT THEME

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)	Wards Affected	Key Decision
Cllr Nuala Fennelly, Cabinet Member, Children, Young People and Schools	All	No

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the progress of making Doncaster the most child friendly borough in the country, through the increased participation and engagement of children and young people in services across the council and partnership services.
2. The current Children and Young People's Plan, 2017 - 2020 set out the ambition to be the most child friendly borough in the country. Over the past three years, significant progress has been made in achieving this ambition. This report sets out a number of examples, which demonstrate how the involvement of children and young people has shaped services and had a positive impact on the lives of children and young people in Doncaster.
3. This report should be read in conjunction with the Doncaster Offer report that received approval from the Executive Board on 15th September 2020 and is another great example of how children and young people are leading on decision making and shaping what services are provided in the future.

EXEMPT REPORT

4. There is no exempt information contained in the report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

5. To consider the details of the report and explore options to expand the participation of children and young people in both the work of the council and its partners.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?

6. There are many benefits to involving children and young people in decision making, one of these is that giving children and young people a voice promotes self-esteem, self-worth and increases the feeling of being valued and important. It also ensures services are delivered that reflect the needs of children and young people.
7. Children and young people can see the difference they are making and will see the importance of having their say, this will support children and young people to increase their interest in democratic processes including voting.
8. Participation and involvement supports the opportunity to increase inter-generational work at both a borough wide and local level.
9. Supporting children and young people to have their say can increase aspiration and a sense of belonging to both the community in which they live ,and the whole of Doncaster as well, increasing social responsibility.

BACKGROUND

10. Article 12 of the United Convention on the rights of the child, gives children the right to have their views given due weight in all matters affecting them.
11. The Doncaster Children and Young People's Plan committed to *"putting children and young people at the heart of everything we do"* It sets out three key aims - one of which was to 'Listen to what children and young people have told us is Important to them and Improve outcomes in these areas'. The other two being 'Adopt new ways of working that builds resilience in young people, their families and their communities' and 'Place a renewed focus on social mobility and how services enable young people to achieve and 'get on'.
12. The Participation and Engagement Strategy, which sat under the Children and Young People's Plan, set out the partnerships intent to strengthen the approach to involving children and young people and much of the work detailed in this has been achieved and in many cases surpasses it. An example of this was evident in the outcome of the very successful SEND inspection, which highlighted our partnership approach as a real strength in Doncaster. *"The local offer is informative and well considered. Children and young people are actively involved in its formulation and development. Indeed, local area leaders actively seek the views of children and young people with SEND. The Learning About Disability, Discrimination, Equality and Rights youth forum, and the youth council provide opportunities for the voices of children and young people to be heard"*.¹³ The Children and Young People's Plan has been evaluated over the last 2 year and an Impact Report produced in both 2018 and 2019. Both Impact Reports looked at children and young people's assessment of the impact of the plan including how much we had progressed against our ambition to be the most child friendly borough. In 2019 10 Young Advisors and 8 Young Commissioners were recruited.
13. Following engagement and consultation with children and young people, the 2019 Impact Report set out the eight child friendly ambitions, which would be the framework to measure against. The ambitions are:

1. **Connecting Young People & Doncaster**
A child friendly borough ensures that children and young people have access to the information that they need to make informed decisions and access the services and opportunities available within the borough
 2. **Building an Inclusive Doncaster**
A child friendly borough is thoroughly inclusive and takes steps to ensure that all children and young people feel like welcome and active members of their communities with equal access to opportunities and services, particularly disadvantaged young people
 3. **Creating a Happy & Healthy Doncaster**
A child friendly borough is one that promotes and facilitates the maintenance of good physical and mental wellbeing and ensures that young people are able to access services supporting those aims effectively
 4. **Providing opportunities for participation & engagement**
A child friendly borough ensures that children and young people have the opportunity to access activities and events across the spectrum of sports, arts and community groups regardless of their location
 5. **Ensuring a Community-Focused Doncaster**
A child friendly borough provides as many services as possible within the community and empowers these communities and the children and young people within them to have an active role in shaping their services and their future. Services will also ensure young people are signposted to other activity that may be delivered across the borough rather than within the local area.
 6. **Promoting a strong education & skills system**
A child friendly borough ensures that the education children and young people is effective and supports their development through into adulthood and employment with a focus on skills and aspiration
 7. **Delivering a Quality of Place in Doncaster**
A child friendly borough promotes sustainability, safety and makes sure that children and young people can be proud of where they come from.
 8. **Delivering high quality services**
A child friendly borough ensures that all of the supportive services that young people may need or wish to access are joined up, tailored to their needs, and highly effective
14. In order to ensure delivery against the child friendly ambitions, 5 participation principles have been developed to demonstrate and evidence how children and young people are involved and engaged. These are:
- **Inform** - children and young people are able to make informed decisions with information tailored too them.
 - **Involve** - children and young people are encouraged to be involved and share their opinions on services.
 - **Include** - children and young people from all backgrounds and circumstances are made to feel welcome and included.
 - **Inspire** - children and young people are given opportunities to develop skills, experience and to participate.
 - **Impact** - children and young people shape services and initiatives and are told about their impact on them.
15. Over the last 12 months a range of activity has been undertaken which demonstrates Doncaster is leading the way in developing best practice in the participation and engagement of children and young people;,, taking the ambitions and participation

principles and making them tangible. Below details some of the work that has been delivered over this period.

16. A key element to achieving a child friendly borough is ensuring there is a range of **consultation and involvement activities**. These include:
17. **Make Your Mark** has been delivered in Doncaster over a number of years, in 2019 Doncaster gained the highest votes in Yorkshire and Humber. Young people voted the top three issues as: **1. Protect the environment 2. Knife Crime and 3. Mental Health**. The table below shows the number of young people votes across the region.

Yorkshire & Humberside

	Protect the Environment	Votes@16	Tackling Hate Crime	UN Convention on the Rights of the Child	Welcome Refugees	UK Topics Total Votes
Barnsley	4,825	1,603	1,768	563	840	9,599
Bradford	242	120	121	48	156	687
Calderdale	2,425	628	1,003	458	505	5,019
Doncaster	5,704	2,224	2,320	1,431	1,429	13,108
East Riding of Yorkshire	23	23	16	13	7	82
Kingston upon Hull, City of	530	191	203	84	131	1,139
Kirklees	-	-	-	-	-	-
Leeds	5,085	1,956	2,149	1,034	1,604	11,828
North East Lincolnshire	-	145	-	-	-	145
North Lincolnshire	4,068	1,185	1,401	544	762	7,960
North Yorkshire	2,661	741	515	228	392	4,537
Rotherham	2,621	1,093	1,515	457	612	6,298
Sheffield	5,304	1,432	1,442	620	1,152	9,950
Wakefield	767	391	670	342	407	2,577
York	3,286	701	643	336	602	5,568

18. **Junior Make Your Mark** - In October 2019, the first Junior Make Your Mark campaign took place. Doncaster was the first and the only Local Authority to hold a Junior Make your Mark, ensuring that primary children also get the opportunity to have a voice. **Over 5,000 local children** voted for an issue that was most important to them and the issue that received the most votes was to 'improve the environment'. Since then, work has been undertaken with local schools to support them to improve their own school environments and the first '**Primary Network Conference**' was held with special guest, Ed Miliband MP.
19. A **cycle of consultation** with children and young people to improve the look, feel and content of the **Local Offer**, Family Information Service and SENDIAS webpages has been established. As well as co-production with children to produce a short video to promote the Family Information Service. This work was highlighted as an area of strength in the 2019 SEND Local Area Inspection.
20. **Key campaigns** are one-way children and young people have been involved in how we communicate important messages out to children, young people and families, as well as the wider community. Key campaigns have included the following:
 1. In early 2020, young people worked with the Clinical Commissioning Group on the mental health campaign as part of the new **With Me in Mind** service. Young people had an input on the design of the service, website, logo and created resources for children and young people, including a young person led piece of work, which was the **Super Sam Story Book** - <https://adobe.ly/2qDyTIB> a resource book for primary school Children. Each Primary school in Doncaster

and Rotherham received one copy of the book. They also wrote and supported the production of a **Mental Health Film** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rxrY0ZnC0jk>, a powerful 4-minute film focusing on some common mental health issues young people face including anxiety, depression, body image and exam stress. This received regional coverage and has been described as best practice by NHS England. The film was shown in Vue cinema over a 4 week period from 7th Feb-5th March to approximately 20,000 people. It has also provided a great foundation for Doncaster to bid for wave 5 of the mental health trailblazer funding, which we see the scope broaden to all educational settings in Doncaster. To note Doncaster is currently the second largest trailblazer site in England, bringing in around £3million of extra funding into the borough and accelerating the approach to supporting children and young people.

2. In 2019, Members of Youth Parliament have been working on environmental issues and have a seat on the Climate Commission board chaired by RT Ed Miliband MP. They were integral to the success of the 'Sound the alarm for Climate change' campaign. This campaign was led by Mayor Ros Jones and Ed Miliband MP. A member of Youth Parliament was invited as a guest speaker. Another member of Youth Parliament has undertaken Carbon Literacy training and is now a climate champion.
 3. In response to knife crime being in the top three issues identified in Make your Mark, and in partnership with South Yorkshire Police the #LivesUpKnivesDown campaign was developed, this included an extensive social media campaign to promote Doncaster as a safe place for Children and Young People. This included a film showcasing the positive impact of children and young people in Doncaster. The 2019 Impact Report showed a 12% reduction in knife crime (source: South Yorkshire Police)
21. **Forums** are very strong in Doncaster and traditionally this has been the **Doncaster Youth Council, Youth Parliament** and the Children in Care Council. In Doncaster there is also the **LGBTQ Forum, Young Carers, SEND, Primary Networks, LADDER group, Young Advisors** and **Young Commissioners**. This has seen an Increase however the number of children and young people involved in forums and the number of forums have grown significantly over the last 12 – 18 months.
1. The recruiting and retaining of **10 Young Advisors** to support how Doncaster engage and involve a wide range of children and young people in our work has continued to progress over the last 12 months. These are paid posts, so as well as supporting services it also enables young people to gain valuable skills and work experience. Examples of the work undertaken have included the Mental Health work above, highlighting the dangers of nitrous oxide use through the detached youth work programme and leading the work around the framework for the participation principles.
 2. **Special Educational Needs and Disability Forum** – meets on a termly basis, to enable young people with special educational needs and disabilities to have their voices heard. This group also feeds into the Youth Council as there are now dedicated seats for young people with SEND.
 3. A recent **Youth Advisory Board** has been established to lead the development and delivery of the **Doncaster Offer**. This is captured in the Doncaster Offer report to be read in conjunction with this report.

22. As well as ensuring children and young people have a say on issues that are important to them, a key element to becoming a **child friendly borough** is to **celebrate** children and young people of Doncaster. In 2019, **The Civic Mayor Awards** was launched to recognise the amazing achievements of children and young people across Doncaster. The event was to return in 2020, unfortunately it was postponed due to Covid-19. This will take place as soon as practicably possible.
23. The role of the **Junior Civic Mayor** was revived in September 2019, and a new Junior Civic Mayor was appointed. This role raises the profile of children and young people, and supports the Civic Mayor at events, as well as championing the views of children and having key priorities for their term in office. The current Civic Mayor's term of office is extended due to the disruption caused by Covid-19.
24. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, a number of involvement activities had to be paused. However, **the Partnership and Engagement Team** continued to have regular communications with children and young people through social media. This work focused very much on **emotional help and wellbeing**.
25. Over the summer holidays as some of the restrictions were lifted, engagement with children and young people was focused on **detached youth work**. This work was targeted in areas of increasing tension or anti-social behaviour, as well as areas where young people congregate. Intelligence for this work was shared by the DMBC communities team. This work focused on relaying messages to children and young people, distributing facemasks and signposting to the **Summer Staycation** activities.
26. **Post Covid-19**, and over the next 12 months it is crucial that the number of opportunities available to engage and involve children and young people increase, especially in regards the recovery following Covid-19.
27. Children and young people will be involved in the new recovery governance arrangements through the mechanisms of the Local Office of the Children's Commissioner.
28. In 2018, a Young Commissioner pilot took place. In 2019 15 Young Commissioners were recruited and trained. Their sole purpose to shape and influence the commissioning process on services that affected children and young people. This was to ensure that children and young people's voice was heard and acted upon. The next six months will see the role of the Young Commissioners expand and focus on localities. A group of commissioners will be assigned to each area. This is a change from a current centralised model. This will ensure that children and young people can influence how services are delivered in the communities where they live.
29. 2021 will see the next Children and Young People's Plan, and for this plan the aim is to have a greater focus on the eight Child Friendly Ambitions and ensuring there is a secure framework for measuring the impact of these, which will focus children and young people's voice.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

30. To continue to deliver the range of activity detailed in the report to realise the ambition to be the most child friendly borough.
31. To agree that it would be appropriate to report to CYP O&S on an annual basis.

32. To discuss and comment on the approach taken to participation.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

33. In order to ensure further progress is achieved against our ambition to be the most child friendly borough, all of the above options are essential.

IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OUTCOMES

34.

	Outcomes	Implications
	<p>Doncaster Working: Our vision is for more people to be able to pursue their ambitions through work that gives them and Doncaster a brighter and prosperous future;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better access to good fulfilling work • Doncaster businesses are supported to flourish • Inward Investment 	<p>Through the forums and mechanisms in place for participation and engagement, the children and young people gain valuable work experience and essential life skills. As well as in the case of the Young Advisors, give young people paid employment.</p> <p>It also boosts young people's aspirations, self-confidence and self of belonging.</p>
	<p>Doncaster Living: Our vision is for Doncaster's people to live in a borough that is vibrant and full of opportunity, where people enjoy spending time;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The town centres are the beating heart of Doncaster • More people can live in a good quality, affordable home • Healthy and Vibrant Communities through Physical Activity and Sport • Everyone takes responsibility for keeping Doncaster Clean • Building on our cultural, artistic and sporting heritage 	<p>The voice of children and young people has a positive impact on how we deliver services both borough wide and in local areas.</p> <p>Children and young people can contribute to the vision to develop Doncaster into a vibrant town.</p> <p>The key campaigns, such as climate change are examples of the positive impact participation has on the lives of not only children and young people but the wider community and borough as a whole.</p>
	<p>Doncaster Learning: Our vision is for learning that prepares all children, young people and adults for a life that is fulfilling;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every child has life-changing learning experiences within and beyond school 	<p>The range of participation activities supports the wider learning opportunities for children and young people.</p> <p>Children and young people are able to gain essential life skills, as well as opportunities to gain qualifications.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many more great teachers work in Doncaster Schools that are good or better • Learning in Doncaster prepares young people for the world of work 	
	<p>Doncaster Caring: Our vision is for a borough that cares together for its most vulnerable residents;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children have the best start in life • Vulnerable families and individuals have support from someone they trust • Older people can live well and independently in their own homes 	<p>A key aim of the participation work is to expand the opportunities for children and young people to work with adults and share their lived experiences.</p> <p>A key element is also ensuring there are opportunities for all to be involved, and therefore there are a range of activities and forums to support our more vulnerable children and young people to access.</p>
	<p>Connected Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A modern, efficient and flexible workforce • Modern, accessible customer interactions • Operating within our resources and delivering value for money • A co-ordinated, whole person, whole life focus on the needs and aspirations of residents • Building community resilience and self-reliance by connecting community assets and strengths • Working with our partners and residents to provide effective leadership and governance 	<p>Participation can have a positive impact on the delivery of services as well as delivering value for money, by ensuring the services delivered are in the right places, delivering the right services. Therefore reducing costs as the services are right the first time.</p>

RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

35. One risk associated with this work is that it does not continue to progress and therefore do not achieve the ambition to be the most child friendly borough; this could have reputational risk as we had promoted this work extensively over the last three years. However this can be mitigated through a partnership approach to the revised Children and Young People's Plan. There will be refreshed governance arrangements, which will monitor the progress against the ambitions to ensure milestones are met.
36. Due to the positive outcomes for children and young people associated with participation and engagement, there is a risk that these will not be achieved, however if we progress with the refreshed Children and Young People's Plan and the participation principles we can ensure positive outcomes for those involved.

37. If works does not continue to involve and engage children and young people, there is a risk that the issues that are important to them are not raised and the services that are delivered on their behalf are not fit for purpose. This could have financial implications and therefore through involvement and consultation there are opportunities to reduce cost by getting services right the first time.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS [HMR Date: 14/09/2020]

38. A local authority has a number of specific statutory duties to children and young people. S17 of the Children Act 1989 provides that it shall be the general duty of every local authority to safeguard and promote the welfare of children within their area who are in need; and so far as is consistent with that duty, to promote the upbringing of such children by their families, by providing a range and level of services appropriate to those children's needs.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS [SB Date: 16/09/2020]

39. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

For information purposes the Partnership & Engagement Team hold one off budgets during 2020-21 for the areas detailed below. These areas are all funded from one off grants and contributions.

Civic Mayor Awards	£4k
Sendias Service	£28k
Young Advisor Roles and Resources	£43k
Summer Staycation	<u>£171k</u>
TOTAL	£246k

The Service also hold a general fund budget of £7k specifically Youth Council activities.

HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS [CR Date 15/09/2020]

40. There are no direct HR Imps in relation to this report, but if in future staff are affected or additional specialist resources are required then further consultation will need to take place with HR.

TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS [PW Date 15/09/2020]

41. There are no specific technology implications in relation to this report. Any technology requirements to support the ambition to be the most child friendly borough would need further consultation with ICT and Digital and consideration by the Technology Governance Board, where applicable.

HEALTH IMPLICATIONS [SN Date 15/09/2020]

42. Young people's participation in meaningful activity can impact on a number of factors affecting general health and wellbeing including connectivity, mental wellbeing and aspirations. The consultation and involvement activities listed demonstrate meaningful contributions young people make in shaping the services that affect them and issues that are important to them. Public Health continues to ensure youth voice

is integral to the work programme. The Public Health commissioned Pupil Lifestyle Survey includes questions relating to participation opportunities, the latest results (2018/19 survey year) found young people reporting positively on these themes with 4/5 pupils feeling they are 'sometimes' or 'always' listened to when people are making decisions about them. Strengthening and widening opportunities for participation are welcome as the survey results suggest variation in response amongst different groups.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS [RM Date 14/09/2020]

43. A key principle of a child Friendly Doncaster is equity and inclusivity and therefore the premise of the establishment of the Office of the Children's Commissioner is to ensure this is fulfilled. This will be verified by the cycle of consultation established to measure the impact of the work. Also work is established to ensure the voices of children and young people with protected characteristics is captured and where needed championed on their behalf.

CONSULTATION

44. As detailed consultation is a central element in terms of participation, however specific consultation was not undertaken in the drafting of this paper.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

45. Children and Young People's Plan 2017 -2020
Impact Report 2018
Impact report 2019
Participation and Engagement Strategy

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Report

To: The Chair and Members of the Children and Young
People Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: 29th September
2020

DONCASTER OFFER

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)	Wards Affected	Key Decision
Cllr Nuala Fennelly, Cabinet Member, Children, Young People and Schools	All	Yes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to outline the new approach taken to refresh the Youth Strategy, reflecting the learning from the past four years and setting the direction for the next three years. It outlines how children and young people led on the refresh, through a newly formed Youth Advisory Board, which will hold officers and the partnership to account for its delivery.
2. The Advisory Board quickly decided that the offer should be for all children and young people, not just those within the statutory age range of 13 to 19 years. The Board felt there was already lots on offer in Doncaster, and that the work should reflect that. This is not about starting again but building on the excellent support and activities already in place, therefore, they have renamed it the Doncaster Offer. They were also very clear that they did not want the refresh to be a lengthy written strategy, instead a set of **overarching principles** supported by a **robust implementation plan** and more **child and young person friendly ways of communicating the offer**.
3. To support the principles and to act as the basis for an implementation plan, **five delivery strands** have been created with key objectives.

EXEMPT REPORT

4. There is no exempt information contained in the report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

5. To consider and comment on the approach, seven principles and five strands to delivering a sustainable Doncaster Offer over the next three years, that is ambitious and *is by children and young people for children and young people*.
6. To agree for members of CYP Overview and Scrutiny Committee to receive an annual report detailing progress.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?

7. Youth groups that support children and young people have been the part of the fabric for many communities, for decades and offer many opportunities and benefits. Over the period of austerity, funding for such groups has been reduced, meaning Local Authorities have needed to seek new ways in delivering this support. The proposed vision and five strand model will do this and provide opportunities and benefits, which include.
8. **Health and Fitness:** Many of the activities involve a good amount of healthy exercise, which is particularly important as lockdown has brought a lack of opportunities for healthy exercise for some.
9. **Teamwork:** Another benefit children and young people can acquire is the ability to work in a team. Many activities include team run games and events where older and younger children mix, and there is a need for each child or young person to work as part of a team. This is an important skill to learn and stands children and young people in good stead for future life, whether in education, sport or other situations. A related benefit is the responsibility given to children and young people within activities.
10. **Specific Skills:** The widening of the Offer means that more children and young people will be given the opportunity to engage in a range of activities, that includes sports, arts and crafts, information technology, and others. These activities will provide opportunities for Doncaster children and young people to learn specific skills that will equip them for later life.
11. **A Sense of Identity:** Many children and young people activities are designed to help those that struggle to feel part of the wider community, allowing them to make friends and become part of social groups. For some of the more vulnerable children and young people, these may be the only opportunities they get to develop a sense of identity.

POLICY

12. The Education Act 1996 places a legal duty on local authorities to secure “sufficient activities” for 13 -19year olds and young people under 25 with special educational needs and disabilities.
13. The UN Policy Brief: the impact of covid-19 on children (2020), suggests that there are three main channels through which children are affected by the crisis. Firstly, infection with the virus itself, secondly the immediate socio-economic impacts of measures to stop transmission of the virus and finally the potential longer-term effects of delayed implementation of sustainable development goals. All of this effect’s children in multiple ways; falling into poverty, exasperating the learning gaps, risks to wellbeing and mental health and risks to child safety, in particular for the most vulnerable.
14. Young Minds the leading charity for children’s mental health has completed a second survey on investigating the mental health impact of the pandemic, which shows that many children and young people are under increasing pressure and that their mental health and wellbeing has been affected. The results of the survey reveal that 8/10 stated their mental health had been affected, 9/10 felt isolated and 4/10 whilst not needing support, felt affected. This really highlights the impact of the

pandemic on mental health and wellbeing. There are several other studies that mirror these findings.

15. The Mental Health Foundation states that, third sector organisations have a crucial role to play in providing support to children and young people post the pandemic. This includes, providing positive activities that promote social interaction, physical activities and wellbeing. The Foundation is clear that in order to do this, many organisations will need to be supported in the short-term.
16. The national guidance and findings outlined above chime locally. The children and families impact assessment, which has been developed via the Children's Cell and is based on a robust methodology identifies mental health and wellbeing, domestic violence, poverty, adverse childhood experiences, and impacts on the most vulnerable as the key areas of concern. This coupled with an increase in referrals into the Front Door means the need for a co-ordinated partnership response.

BACKGROUND

17. A review of youth provision was conducted in 2015, which resulted in a rationalising of youth clubs, buildings and provision, leading to the establishment of a middle tier organisation, which was Expect Youth, who were commissioned for three-years through a core grant. The role of Expect Youth was to deliver the universal arm of service delivery, build voluntary community capacity and provide a conduit to attract external funding as a strategic partner to develop a sustainable model. Whilst the Council retained responsibility for delivering targeted youth work, i.e. for children with special educational needs and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning groups.
18. This work was supported by the many voluntary, community and faith organisations that provide activities for children and young people, and by working together there have been a number of achievements over the past three years. The first being the broadening of the universal offer that saw more children and young people accessing activities, including the Summer programmes and the recent Doncaster Staycation, where over 6,000 took part. These are great examples of organisations working together through a co-ordinated approach to provide a wide range of positive activities.
19. Other achievements include building community capacity through external funding and the embedding of a quality mark for lots of organisations. This is reflected in the acknowledgement by the Advisory Board that there is lots on offer in Doncaster and provides a greater starting point for the next three years.
20. There has also been some really valuable learning that has directly shaped the refresh and is reflected in the approach taken. This includes the need for a forum where children and young people are the decision makers and can hold officers to account, the need for equity across the borough in terms of the offer, support for voluntary, community and faith organisations to survive the pandemic and be able to continue the work they provide and the development of a local quality mark that is more manageable and achievable for smaller organisations.

THE APPROACH

21. There was a very clear approach to the refreshing of the Youth strategy in that it should be *by children and young people for children and young people*. As such a

new Youth Advisory Board was established in July with members from a variety of backgrounds, that acts as a conduit for wider engagement. This means that children and young people are the decision makers and will hold officers and the partnership to account.

22. The Advisory Board quickly agreed that the new offer should be for all children and young people of Doncaster aged 0-25 years not just for those within the statutory age range of 13 to 19 years, which is a really positive ambition. It means that over the next three years, more children and young people will be supported, which is important considering the impact of the pandemic.
23. Encouragingly the Advisory Board felt there was already lots on offer in Doncaster and that this wasn't about starting again but building on the support and activities already in place, therefore they renamed it the Doncaster Offer.
24. Instead of a written strategy they have proposed seven principles. They want the principles to be communicated in a more child and young person friendly way and have developed a poster that will be promoted in a number of child and youth settings, including educational settings, community venues and on-line. Alongside these, short films will be created by children and young people.

Doncaster Offer

Making a Positive Difference to Lives of Children and Young People.

We will work with children and young people to develop their personal, social and mental well-being, focusing on raising aspirations and building resilience. This will support our children and young people to make positive decisions about their lives and their future and enable them to become valued members of society. We will support them to access meaningful and appropriate opportunities and we will do this by:

Offering children and young people a voice to shape, influence, design and develop services. This will be achieved through our children and young people's forums within the council and with our partner organisations, through a model of 'for children and young people, by children and young people'.

Ensuring that there is a variety and accessible offer of activities across the borough, including targeted sessions for our most vulnerable children and young people.

Working in partnership with other organisations to deliver a detached youth work programme in communities of need.

Supporting our voluntary, community and faith sector to increase high quality, accessible youth provision across the borough.

Working on a 1:1 basis with children and young people who have been referred from internal and external partners that have been identified as needing extra support.

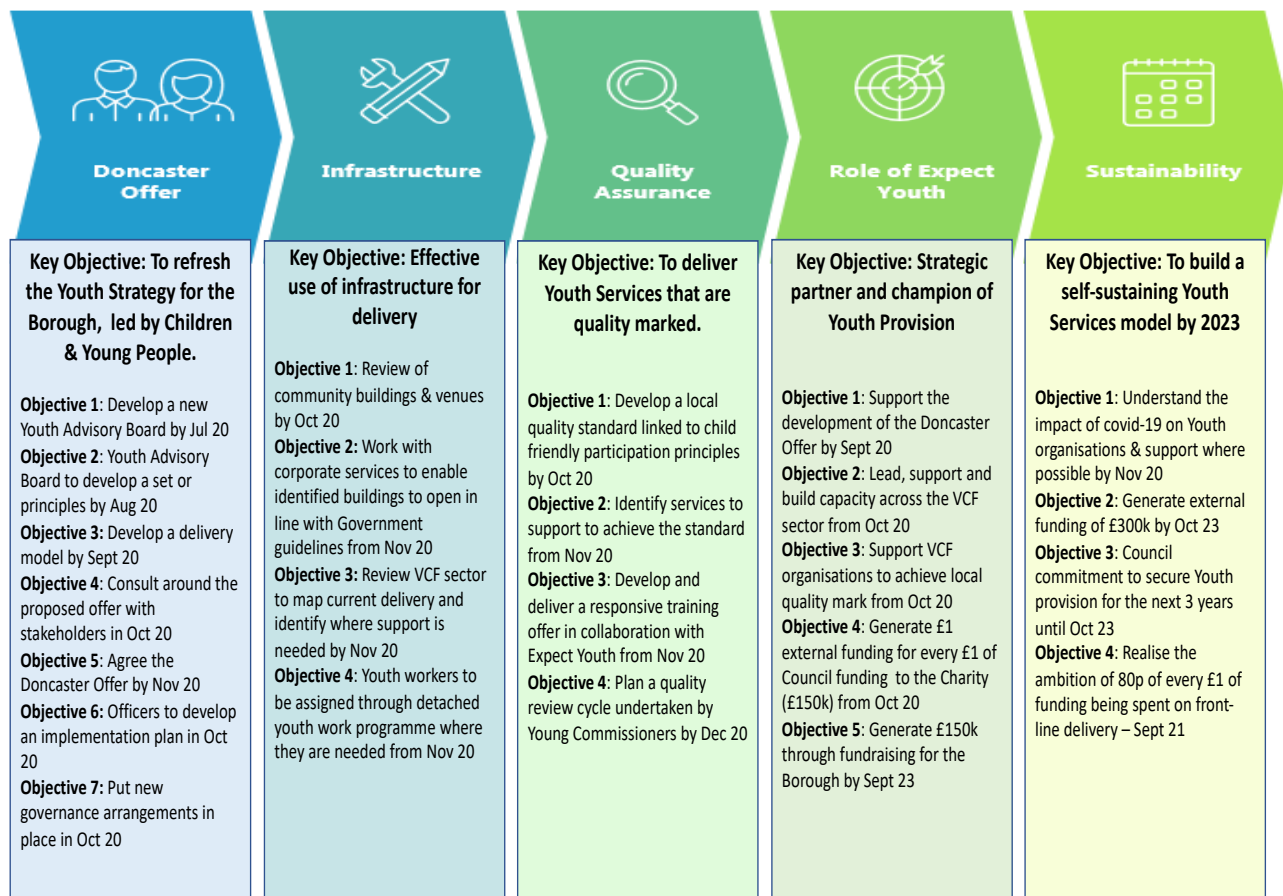
Providing suitable careers, information, advice and guidance for children and young people. This will include opportunities for national youth work programmes and initiatives such as UK Youth Awards, British Youth Council, UK Youth Parliament and Young Advisors.

Having accessible information in the form of a 'What's On' across the borough for children and young people.



FIVE STRANDS – DELIVERING A SUSTAINABLE MODEL

25. To support the principles and to act as the basis for an implementation plan, five delivery strands have been created, with key objectives, these are detailed below.



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26. This strand is around the refresh of the strategy/ offer, that will be driven by the new Youth Advisory Board. Objectives one to three have been completed and consultation with stakeholders will commence after the report has been to Executive Board.

27. The next stages are to develop the implementation plan and put new governance arrangements in place. The plan will be developed by a working group(s), that will report into the Youth Advisory Board, which will include partners from voluntary, community and faith groups, Expect Youth, Family Hubs, Children's Trust and Health.

28. The local officer for the children's commissioner will lead on the overseeing the development and delivery of the implementation plan for the partnership, with sponsorship by the Assistant Director for Partnerships, Early Intervention and Localities.

29. The key objectives outlined in the five-strand model will be the starting point for the implementation plan, and the plan will reach down into more detail. It is expected

that the plan will be a live document, that will change to reflect the areas of focus. Initially this will be around mapping out what is in place, and how best to support community groups to continue their excellent work, alongside the development of a local quality mark.

INFRASTRUCTURE

- 30. This is a key element of the model and the principle is to support community venues to deliver activities. The starting point is to review what buildings are available and what needs to be done to get them ready to re-open to the public. There is no proposal to increase the number of venues, rather use what is already there. There may be a cost to this that will put funding back into community venues.
- 31. This will be supported by detached youth work in communities, supplementing what is already in place.
- 32. A key element of this strand is how best to support voluntary, community and faith organisations to continue to deliver activities. The starting point will be mapping out what is in place, and where (if any) support is needed. Support will be offered via the Council's participation and engagement team, including the Youth workers and Expect Youth, and may take the form of supporting bid/ grant applications, training and achievement of a local quality mark.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

- 33. The previous quality assurance mark was the UK Ambition Mark, and whilst this is a good quality mark, it took a lot of resource to achieve, which made it difficult for smaller organisations. Therefore, the intention is to develop a more manageable local quality mark.
- 34. The development of a local quality standard and a rolling training programme to support voluntary sector organisations, is a really important strand of the model. The local standard will link to the child friendly participation standards and will be far more manageable and achievable for organisations. The Council's Partnership and Engagement Team and Expect Youth will support organisations.
- 35. This will be underpinned by a quality review cycle completed by the Young Commissioners.

ROLE OF EXPECT YOUTH

- 36. There have been many discussions with the Expect Youth Board over the past few months on what their role could be in the new model. Pleasingly a consensus has been agreed which utilises the expertise and experiences of Expect Youth partners and retains the brand. Expect Youth are a key partner and a valuable resource to Doncaster and one of the five delivery strands.
- 37. It is necessary to provide a small amount of seed funding to Expect Youth to allow them to deliver their five key objectives. This will be £50k per year for the next three years and will be funded from the mental health trailblazers funding that is held within the Council's earmarked reserves. This reflects the role of the voluntary, community and faith organisations in supporting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing.

38. The role for Expect Youth for the next three years is clear, with five key objectives:
- I. Support the development of the Doncaster offer.
 - II. Lead, support and build capacity across the voluntary, community and faith sector, through a mixture of generating external funding to devolve to voluntary, community and faith organisations as overseen by the Youth Advisory Board and sharing of skills and expertise.
 - III. Support voluntary, community and faith organisations to achieve the local quality standard.
 - IV. Generate £150k external funding over the next three-years.
 - V. Generate £150k through fundraising over the next three-years.

SUSTAINABILITY

39. The aim is to have a sustainable model within three years and the points raised above are the enablers to do this, in particular the generation of external funding.

IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OUTCOMES

	Outcomes	Implications
	<p>Doncaster Working: Our vision is for more people to be able to pursue their ambitions through work that gives them and Doncaster a brighter and prosperous future;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better access to good fulfilling work • Doncaster businesses are supported to flourish • Inward Investment 	<p>Through the delivery of the revised Doncaster Offer, children and young people will have access to a wealth of opportunities and experiences that will support their aspirations; from programmes on essential life skills through to opportunities for social action and enterprise.</p> <p>A key principle of the Offer is the provision of suitable careers information, advice and guidance, as well as opportunities to undertake national youth work programmes including UK Youth Awards.</p> <p>This will support raising the aspirations of children and young people of Doncaster, as well as support young people to gain key skills to take into the workplace.</p>
	<p>Doncaster Living: Our vision is for Doncaster's people to live in a borough that is vibrant and full of opportunity, where people enjoy spending time;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The town centres are the beating 	<p>The Doncaster Offer will give children and young people access to a diverse range of activities in the area they live but also across the borough.</p> <p>Through consultation with children and young people and</p>

	<p>heart of Doncaster</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More people can live in a good quality, affordable home • Healthy and Vibrant Communities through Physical Activity and Sport • Everyone takes responsibility for keeping Doncaster Clean • Building on our cultural, artistic and sporting heritage 	<p>as demonstrated in the accompanying short film, young people feel there is a diverse range of activity across the borough. The Doncaster Offer will build on this to ensure equity across the Borough.</p> <p>A key element of the Offer is that all those who are providing services for children and young do so within the context of the Child Friendly Doncaster Participation Principles and will aspire to be child-led in their approach and provision.</p> <p>In addition, a key principle of the Doncaster Offer states that the voluntary, community and faith sector will be supported to respond to the needs of their "youth" community and deliver high quality youth provision.</p>
	<p>Doncaster Learning: Our vision is for learning that prepares all children, young people and adults for a life that is fulfilling;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every child has life-changing learning experiences within and beyond school • Many more great teachers work in Doncaster Schools that are good or better • Learning in Doncaster prepares young people for the world of work 	<p>The Offer will complement the outcomes delivered in corporate strategies and plans, such as the Education and Skills Strategy and building on the legacy of the Opportunity Area. It will do this by, supporting the social and personal development of children and young people, building their resilience and raising aspirations.</p> <p>It will ensure that learning is not limited to the classroom but through youth activity, social action and structured youth programmes, including Youth Awards</p>

	<p>Doncaster Caring: Our vision is for a borough that cares together for its most vulnerable residents;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children have the best start in life • Vulnerable families and individuals have support from someone they trust • Older people can live well and independently in their own homes 	<p>One of the key principles of the Doncaster Offer is targeted support for those children and young people who require it. This will be delivered through targeted provision in a local area or to a particular cohort of young people. Or this could be in the form of 1:1 support for individuals. This may be delivered by internal Council services or commissioned; dependent on the needs of the young people.</p> <p>The broadening of the ages to 0-25 years, will offer more opportunities for more children and young people.</p>
	<p>Connected Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A modern, efficient and flexible workforce • Modern, accessible customer interactions • Operating within our resources and delivering value for money • A co-ordinated, whole person, whole life focus on the needs and aspirations of residents • Building community resilience and self-reliance by connecting community assets and strengths • Working with our partners and residents to provide effective leadership and governance 	<p>Partnership working is central to the success of the Doncaster Offer, and greater focus will be on ensuring there is support for the voluntary, community and faith youth providers, particularly over the coming months.</p> <p>Therefore, the infrastructure strand of the offer is crucial, as the workforce is critical to delivery, in particular in terms of training and development.</p> <p>In addition, as this is a child and young person led piece of work, this approach will continue and a cycle of consultation has been established with children and young people, as well as providers and voluntary, community and faith organisations.</p>

RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

40. **Risk** - Failure to provide statutory functions especially in unprecedented times such as the COVID-19 pandemic. **Mitigation** – The Council owns the Offer and as such resets who leads on the statutory functions, this is important and will ensure clear accountability with organisations who deliver the offer, being clear on their roles and

responsibilities. Previously Expect Youth led on delivering the statutory functions, but as they are now widening and based on learning it is felt the Council is best placed to do this.

- 41. **Risk** - Failure to become self-sustainable over the next three years. **Mitigation** – Through a mixed economy of Council funding, external grant funding (accessed via Expect Youth) and fundraising, the model will become sustainable.
- 42. **Risk** - Failure to listen and implement the feedback from the voice of children and young people. **Mitigation** - By establishing the Youth Advisory Board in July 2020, we are confident that this will mitigate against this risk.
- 43. **Risk** - Due to the COVID 19 pandemic there is a risk that some of the voluntary sector organisations may no longer be able to continue to operate. **Mitigation** - By mapping out, which organisations need support to continue to operate and by working with communities to develop new organisations, the aim is to develop sustainable community lead organisations that deliver the offer.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

[Officer Initials HMP Date 26.8.20]

- 44. Section 507B of the Education Act 1996 requires that every local authority must, so far as reasonably practicable, secure for qualifying young persons in the authority's area access to sufficient educational and recreational activities which are for the improvement of their well-being, and sufficient facilities for such activities. There is statutory guidance dated June 2012 providing further detail of this duty.
- 45. Under the Act, the Council must consider if it is appropriate for the proposed activities to be taken by another person. For Doncaster this was Expect Youth over the past three years. The Council must take all reasonable steps to enter into an agreement or make arrangements with such a person for that purpose; if it is considered expedient. The Council must also consult with such persons as it think appropriate as to whether it is expedient for the proposed action to be taken by another person.
- 46. In exercising their functions to provide activities , the Council must take steps to ascertain the views of qualifying young persons in the area about:
 - (i) positive leisure-time activities, and facilities for such activities, in the area;
 - (II) the need for any additional such activities and facilities; and
 - (III) access to such activities and facilities.

It must also secure that the views of qualifying young persons in the area are taken into account.

- 47. There is therefore a statutory duty to consult with regard to both using a third party in delivering the functions and also in obtaining the views of the young people in the area in the activities provided.. The consultation responses must be taken into account in finalising the decision. The process must comply with the established consultation principles that: consultation should occur when proposals are at a formative stage; consultation should give sufficient reasons for any proposal to permit intelligent consideration; consultation should allow adequate time for consideration and response; and the decision maker must demonstrate that it has considered the consultation responses or a summary of them, before taking its decision.

48. The decision maker must also comply with the Public Sector Equality duty to consider the need to promote equality for persons with “protected characteristics”: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation and have due regard to:

- i) eliminate discrimination, harassment, and victimisation;
- ii) advance equality of opportunity
- iii) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it.

49. In order to do this the decision maker will need to have sufficient information about the effects of the proposed changes on the aims of the Equality Duty. The Equalities implication section is designed to assist with compliance with this duty and so the decision maker must take that into consideration and the public sector equality duty before taking the decision.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

[Officer Initials: AB Date: 27/08/20]

50. There are no specific financial implications arising from the refresh of the Youth Strategy and the establishment of a new Youth Advisory Board. As part of the 2020-21 Council Budget Report approved at Full Council on the 5th March 2020 an allocation of £100,000 was agreed to deliver the Youth Strategy, including funding targeted youth provision as an ongoing permanent requirement in order to deliver a universal youth service.

51. The report also includes a proposal to fund EXPECT Youth £50k per year for the next three years to focus on income generation for the strategy because as a Charity organisation that provides Doncaster with an avenue to bring new monies into the Borough that Local Authorities wouldn't be able to access. The £150k in total for the three years will be funded from the NHS England Mental Health Trailblazer funding that is held within the Council's earmarked reserves. The funding is regarded as a grant under financial procedure rules, and is subject to EXPECT Youth signing a grant funding agreement.

HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials JC Date 27/08/20]

52. There are no direct HR implications based on the content of this report

53. If there are HR implications for the Council arising from specific elements of the Strategy, these will be addressed at the appropriate time through the relevant governance arrangements.

TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS

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54. There are no specific technology implications at this stage. Where there are requirements for new, enhanced or replacement technology to support the delivery of the Doncaster Offer over the next three years, a further report outlining the requirements would need to be progressed for consideration and prioritisation by the Technology Governance Board (TGB).

HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

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55. Public Health support the development of the 'Doncaster Offer'. Young people's involvement in positive activities can support better emotional and physical health,

improved skills and increased employment, and can provide a means of addressing risky behaviour. This model can support the development of an offer that is good quality and appealing to young people and provides the opportunity to identify and address barriers to participation. This all contributes to young people being supported to achieve their full potential.

56. Physical and mental health have been impacted by Covid-19. Youth activities can play an important part in helping to tackle some of these challenges. The Doncaster quality mark will ensure all activity delivered under the Doncaster Offer is of high quality, safe and influenced by the views of children and young people. Consideration for evidence-based, health promoting activities can have a further positive benefit. To ensure our most disadvantaged young people benefit from the opportunities provided, a broad range of children and young people should be represented on the Board and in consultation, including those that are seldom heard.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

57. There are no significant equality implications associated with this report. A Due Regard Statement has been undertaken to ensure compliancy with the Public Sector Equality Duty and that the work detailed in this report considers the needs of all and takes into account the equality and diversity of the borough, and that consideration has been made to for those citizens with protected characteristics. A key element of the Doncaster Offer is ensuring that there is bespoke offer for children and young people who need targeted or one to one support, this may of particular significance to those with protected characteristics.
58. A continuous cycle of consultation is planned with children and young people to ensure they are involved in the development of the Doncaster Offer and that how this is implemented.
59. In addition, consultation is being undertaken with a wider group of stakeholders, for example voluntary, community and faith groups to ensure are their involvement in the shaping on the Offer and its delivery.
This should ensure we are not only compliant in terms of our statutory duties but also with regard having a robust and fit for purpose Doncaster Offer for children and young people.

CONSULTATION

60. There has been lots of work with children and young people to shape, design and influence the Doncaster offer, as outlined in the approach section. This captures the desire and commitment to truly engage and to provide further tangible evidence that will allow Doncaster to say it is truly Child Friendly.

LINKS TO OTHER STRATEGIES

61. Get Moving Doncaster.
62. Doncaster Localities Model.
63. Doncaster Children and Young People's Plan.
64. Children and Families Recovery and Renewal Plan.

65. Doncaster Together.

66. Education and Skills Strategy 2030.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

67. Due Regard Statement “Doncaster Offer”

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EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

DONCASTER METROPLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Due Regard Statement

How to show due regard to the equality duty in how we develop our work and in our decision making.

Due Regard Statement

A **Due Regard Statement** (DRS) is the tool for capturing the evidence to demonstrate that due regard has been shown when the council plans and delivers its functions. A Due Regard Statement must be completed for all programmes, projects and changes to service delivery.

- A DRS should be initiated at the beginning of the programme, project or change to inform project planning
- The DRS runs adjacent to the programme, project or change and is reviewed and completed at the relevant points
- Any reports produced needs to reference “Due Regard” in the main body of the report and the DRS should be attached as an appendix
- The DRS cannot be fully completed until the programme, project or change is delivered.

1	Name of the 'policy' and briefly describe the activity being considered including aims and expected outcomes. This will help to determine how relevant the 'policy' is to equality.	The purpose of the Doncaster Children and Young People's Offer report is to outline the approach taken to refresh the Youth Strategy. Local Authorities have a statutory duty to provide sufficient positive activities for children and young people up to the age of 19 and 25 with SEND. The Doncaster Offer details our ambition to deliver beyond these statutory functions, to offer a range of opportunities for younger children and those with special educational needs, supporting their social and personal development, raising aspiration and building resilience. All of which is set in the context of Doncaster's ambition to be the most child friendly borough in the country. The strategy will now cover the 0 to 25 years age range.
2	Service area responsible for completing this statement.	Engagement and Partnerships Learning & Opportunities: Children & Young People
3	Summary of the information considered across the protected groups. Service users/residents Doncaster Workforce	<p>The Doncaster Offer, is a borough wide piece of work which will ensure we have a co-ordinated approach to delivering a range of positive activities as well as opportunities for social action and enterprise for all children and young people aged 0-25.</p> <p>A key element is that for those children and young people who need a more targeted or bespoke offer this will be available for them. As part of this it will be ensured that those with protected characteristics are considered and the offer tailored where appropriate.</p> <p>This will be in regard to those accessing the Doncaster Offer as well as the workforce and volunteers supporting the delivery of it.</p> <p>A mapping exercise of the provision ordinarily available is underway, as part of this we are ensuring that the provision available is inclusive and that any new activity commissioned adheres to the Child Friendly Principles one of which sets out the need to be inclusive but also consider the individual needs of protected groups.</p>

4	Summary of the consultation/engagement activities	<p>The Doncaster Offer is a young person led piece of work. A Youth Advisory Board was established in order to ensure officers and young people were working together to develop the Doncaster Offer, for this the young people led the development, advising Officers. Therefore the principles which underpin the Doncaster Offer have been developed by young people. for young people.</p> <p>The Youth Advisory Board is made up of a range of representative groups of young people, in addition those on the board are also responsible for feeding back and feeding in from a wider range of children and young people to ensure we are engaging with a range of children and young people.</p> <p>A cycle of consultation has been developed with children and young people, not just on the development of the offer but going forward in terms of how they want the principles to be delivered. This will also be replicated across the partnership, with providers such as EXPECT Youth but also the wide range of voluntary, community and faith organisations which lead and support the delivery of a whole host of “youth” provision.</p> <p>In addition, young people and the VCF organisations, as well as EXPCT Youth will be involved in the development of the Quality Assurance Mark/ Assessment to ensure that providers are delivering what children and young people want. Whilst also working with the providers to ensure that any assessment process is not over bureaucratic and does not over burden, in particular very small providers.</p> <p>The establishment of Local Youth Forums will also ensure that the Offer is monitored at a local level, the views of children and young people are gathered and that the provision can be sourced to match needs of the area and/or users.</p>
5	Real Consideration: Summary of what the evidence shows and how has it been used	<p>As detailed above some consultation with youth partners and providers has already been undertaken, however over the coming months this will be expanded and much more detailed consultation will take place. Through the consultation undertaken to date with providers and EXPECT Youth there is general consensus that there was a need to have an overarching offer and a set of principles which all providers could work too. in addition it was clear additional support should be provided to voluntary, community and faith organisations, and in the coming months this will be more important than ever as services start to commence delivery.</p>

		As this was a “young person led” piece of work their views had a direct influence on the Doncaster Offer. This resulted in a set of 8 principles children and young people wanted to see, this has now been made into a poster that can be shared across the borough and used to promote the offer. In addition young people made a video to demonstrate what was available already across Doncaster in terms youth provision, again this will be used as a promotional tool for the Doncaster Offer. This will be developed further, to ensure we continue to capture the views of children and young people but also demonstrate how the implementation of the Doncaster Offer is having a positive impact on what is available and the lives of our children and families.
6	Decision Making	<p>Due Regard Statement will accompany the agenda item at Cabinet meeting on 13 October 2020.</p> <p>The cabinet report provides greater detail around the consultation process and how consideration of protected characteristics / due regard has been an ongoing concern throughout the strategy process. Regular updates on due regard and the overall process have been provided to the decision maker throughout.</p>
7	Monitoring and Review	<p>New governance arrangements have been established to ensure there is accountability of the Doncaster Offer. The Youth Advisory Board will have oversight of the work and each of the work strands will have a implementation group that will report to the Youth Advisory Board.</p> <p>In addition, local youth forums will ensure the offer for children and young people is monitored at a local level.</p> <p>A quarterly report will be provided for the Cabinet Member and the Director of Learning Opportunity, Skills and Culture in addition a report will be provided to Executive Board on an annual basis.</p>
8	Sign off and approval for publication	Rebecca Mason, Head of Partnerships & Engagement

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OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY WORK PLAN 2020/21

	OSMC	H&ASC O&S	CYP O&S	R&H O&S	C&E O&S
May	Friday 1st May, 2020 11am – Briefing Session				
	OSMC and Vice Chairs - way forward during the Covid-19 pandemic period.				
	Wednesday 13th May, 2020 5pm – Briefing Session				
	How the Local Authority is identifying and responding to the needs of vulnerable people				
	Thursday 28th May 2020 5pm – Briefing Session				
	Use of grant funding and impacts				
June	Thursday 11th June 2020 5pm – Briefing Session				
	Street scene services, cleaner and greener; Household Waste Centres				
	Thurs, 25th June 2020, 10am (AS)				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qtrly Finance & Performance Report – Qtr 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMBC SLHD DCST Scrutiny Work Plan 				

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July	Cancelled Thurs, 16 th July 2020, 10am	Cancelled Thurs, 2nd July 2020, 10am	Thursday 9 th July 2020 5pm – Briefing Session	Thursday 23 rd July 2020, 5pm – Briefing session	Wed, 29 th July 2020, 10am
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home schooling during Covid-19 pandemic – schools approach and support and advice available Potential impact on educational outcomes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impact on delivery of major projects during the covid-19 pandemic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on Environmental Strategy and Climate Commission Work planning meeting
	Wed 29 th July 2020 1pm	Mon 27 th July 2020 12.30 pm	Cancelled Thurs, 23 rd July 2020, 4:30pm	Thurs 30 th July 2020 5pm	
	Work planning meeting	Work planning meeting		Work planning meeting	
		Tues 28 th July 2020 11am (CM) South Yorkshire Regional Joint Scrutiny Virtual Meeting.			
Aug		Thurs 6 th August 2020 5pm (CM)	Mon 3 rd Aug 2020 5pm		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mental Health (include suicide prevention) – impact from the covid-19 pandemic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work planning meeting 		
Sept	Thurs 3 rd Sept 2020, 12:30pm Cancelled & moved from 10 th Sept 2020, 10am (CR)				Friday 18 th Sept 2020 9.30am (CR)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qtrly Finance & Performance Report – Qtr 1 (specific issue staff sickness and back to work interviews) (c) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMBC SLHD DCST O&S Workplan – Sept Update (c) 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flooding Briefing session

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Licensing Strategy (c) 				
	Tues, 22nd Sept 2020 at 4pm Briefing Session		Thurs, 17th Sept 2020, 4:30pm (CM)		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning White Paper Consultation (c) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theme - Early intervention in localities supporting families in the place (c) 		
			Ext Tues, 29th Sept 2020, 5:00pm (CM)		
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theme – Participation Child Friendly Borough (c) Doncaster Offer (Youth Strategy) (c) 		
Oct	Thurs, 8th October 2020, 10am	Thurs, 1st October 2020, 10am (CM)		Mon, 12th Oct 2020 at 1pm rescheduled from Wed, 14th Oct	Thurs, 22nd October 2020 At 2pm
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council Compliments and Complaints (c) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring access to day support and short breaks during the Covid 19 pandemic (c) Health Protection Assurance Report (deferred from meeting in March 2020) (c) 		Economic impact arising from COVID (c) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To include Business Support Grants (main fund and discretionary fund) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> how has this been utilised. 	Flooding (c) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 19 requirements; Winter preparations for flooding assurance ahead of winter period
	Wed, 21st October 2020, 4pm Members Seminar –OSMC led				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning White Paper Consultation (c) ? 				
Nov	Mon 2nd Nov 2020, 10am rescheduled from	Thurs, 26th Nov 2020, 10am	Extraordinary- Wed 11th November, 2020 4.30pm		Date TBC

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	Thurs, 5th Nov				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Digital Recovery & Renewal Strategy(c) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winter Planning Partnership Plan to including hospital discharges to care homes, track and trace (local) and CV-19 Doncaster position 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theme Education, Skills and Curriculum Recovery Achievements in relationships with Academies; Reintegration into education; NEET; Skills and transition into employment. Learning Provision Organisation Strategy; Education achievement and attendance; 		Domestic Abuse (during the pandemic)
					Date TBC
					Briefing session Environmental Strategy development
Dec	Thurs 3rd Dec 2020, 10am (AS)		Thurs, 10th Dec 2020, 4:30pm		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qtrly Finance & Performance Report – Qtr 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMBC SLHD DCST 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theme – Safeguarding Whole System including demand management; Doncaster Children's Safeguarding Board Annual Report 		
Jan	Wed, 20th Jan 2021 10am	Thurs, 28th Jan 2021, 10am			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Childhood obesity Get Doncaster Moving (to include invite to DCLT) Substantial variation GP Practice Proposed Merger 			
Feb	Thurs, 4th Feb 2021, 10am				Wed, 10th Feb 2021, 10am

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Corporate Plan 				Crime and Disorder Committee
	Thurs, 25th Feb, 2021 10am				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qtrly Finance & Performance Report – Qtr 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMBC SLHD DCST 				
March		Thurs, 18th March 2021, 2pm	Thurs, 11th March 2021, 4:30pm	Wed, 3rd March 2021 – 10:00am, Council Chamber	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Protection Assurance Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theme – Health and well-being of children; How to promote and transition of children with learning disability into Adult Education. 	-	
Apr	Thurs, 1st April 2021, 10am				
May					

POSSIBLE ISSUES FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OR TO BE SCHEDULED

Youth Justice Plan – being dealt with through a different process in 2020	Changes to Adult Social Care Charges 1 year on – first meeting in 2021/22	Education and Skills 2030 Strategy – going as part of DGT	Housing Delivery Plan – October/early November	Environmental/Climate Change
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate Change

FP – Forward Plan Decision

CR, CM or AS – Officer Responsible

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					<p>Commission Report – Oct</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation (link to Climate Change/Covid) – Review – timing tbc link to Regeneration and Housing • Hatfield Moors Fires • Environment Strategy (Cleaner/Green proposed early January) <p>Other areas arising out of the above will be reviewed throughout the year and maybe rolled over on a continual basis.</p>
	DGT 2 and Borough Strategy (Early January 2021)	RDaSH Quality Accounts – December 2020	All Age Learning Disability Strategy (TBC)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Management Consortium and Doncaster East Internal Drainage Board – update following 2018/19 Flood Review (deferred from 2019/2020 tbc)
	Budget 21/22 – October 2020 onwards (including CSR settlement)				
	Ward budgets – 6 months on – addressing community vibrancy, lessons learnt particularly operating through Covid-19, barriers - review				
	Contract commissioning – roll over to 2021/22				
		<u>Briefing Note</u> Adults Safeguarding – January/February 2021		<u>Briefing Notes</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homelessness – 	<u>Briefing Notes</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rapid Improvement Programme

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ response to homelessness (in response to Covid 19) and implications on housing stock/budget/support ○ ending of suspension of evictions for those renting in private renting (23rd Aug) when court actions can resume ○ impact on number that could be made homeless ○ support to those finding new accommodation/sustaining tenancies • Council Properties Rent Payments; ○ Impact from job losses/redundancies/delays in Universal Credit ○ measures in place to support those impacted. • Flooding– flooding being addressed by C & E so may need to review what is covered to avoid duplication and ensure the issues remained linked 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future parks' and green space • Social Isolation and Loneliness Alliance Update
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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Flood resilience and housing – how we can become more resilient to flooding. ○ Economic impact from flooding • SCR Devolution • Funding Streams and progress made eg. Towns Fund January 2021 	
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DONCASTER METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

FORWARD PLAN FOR THE PERIOD 1ST OCTOBER 2020 TO 31ST JANUARY 2021

The Forward Plan sets out details of all Key Decisions expected to be taken during the next four months by either the Cabinet collectively, The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Portfolio Holders or Officers and is updated and republished each month.

A Key Decision is an executive decision which is likely:-

- (a) to result in the Local Authority incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the Local Authority's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or
- (b) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards or electoral divisions in the area of the Local Authority;
- (c) any decision related to the approval or variation of the Policy and budget Framework that is reserved to the Full Council.

The level of expenditure/savings which this Authority has adopted as being financially significant are (a) in the case of the revenue budget, gross full-year effect of £250,000 or more b) in the case of capital budget, £1,000,000 or more in respect of a single project or otherwise across one financial year. or the decision has a significant impact on 2 or more wards.

Please note in addition to the documents identified in the plan, other documents relevant to a decision may be submitted to the Decision Maker. Details of any additional documents submitted can be obtained from the Contact Officer listed against each decision identified in this plan.

In respect of exempt items, if you would like to make written representations as to why a report should be considered in public, please send these to the contact officer responsible for that particular decision. Unless otherwise stated, representations should be made at least 14 days before the expected date of the decision.

KEY

Those items in **BOLD** are **NEW**

Those items in **ITALICS** have been **RESCHEDULED** following issue of the last plan

Prepared on: 1st September, 2020 and superseding all previous Forward Plans with effect from the period identified above.

Damian Allen
Chief Executive

MEMBERS OF THE CABINET

Cabinet Member For:

Mayor - Ros Jones
Deputy Mayor - Councillor Glyn Jones

Councillor Nigel Ball
Councillor Joe Blackham
Councillor Rachael Blake
Councillor Nuala Fennelly
Councillor Chris McGuinness
Councillor Bill Mordue
Councillor Jane Nightingale

- Housing and Equalities
- Public Health, Leisure and Culture
- Highways, Street Scene and Trading Services
- Adult Social Care
- Children, Young People and Schools
- Communities, Voluntary Sector and the Environment
- Business, Skills and Economic Development
- Customer and Corporate Resources.

Some Decisions listed in the Forward Plan are to be taken by Full Council

Members of the Full Council are:-

Councillors Nick Allen, Duncan Anderson, Lani-Mae Ball, Nigel Ball, Iris Beech, Joe Blackham, Rachael Blake, Nigel Cannings, Bev Chapman, Phil Cole, John Cooke, Mick Cooper, Jane Cox, Steve Cox, Linda Curran, George Derx, Susan Durant, Nuala Fennelly, Neil Gethin, Sean Gibbons, John Gilliver, Martin Greenhalgh, Pat Haith, John Healy, Rachel Hodson, Charlie Hogarth, Mark Houlbrook, David Hughes, Eva Hughes, Glyn Jones, R. Allan Jones, Ros Jones, Ken Keegan, Majid Khan, Jane Kidd, Nikki McDonald, Tosh McDonald, Chris McGuinness, Sue McGuinness, Bill Mordue, John Mounsey, David Nevett, Jane Nightingale, Ian Pearson, Andy Pickering, Cynthia Ransome, Tina Reid, Andrea Robinson, Kevin Rodgers, Dave Shaw, Derek Smith, Frank Tyas, Austen White, Sue Wilkinson, Jonathan Wood, Paul Wray.

WHEN DECISION IS EXPECTED TO BE TAKEN	KEY DECISION TO BE TAKEN	RELEVANT CABINET MEMBER	DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY	CONTACT OFFICER(S)	DOCUMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED BY DECISION MAKER	REASON FOR EXEMPTION – LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 SCHEDULE 12A
13 Oct 2020	Doncaster Children and Young People's Offer.	Portfolio holder for Children Young People and Schools	Cabinet	Rebecca Mason rebecca.mason@d oncaster.gov.uk		Open
17 Nov 2020	Learning Provision Strategy in Doncaster.	Councillor Nuala Fennelly, Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People and Schools.	Cabinet	Neil McAllister, School Organisation Manager neil.mcallister@donc aster.gov.uk		Open
1 Dec 2020	St Leger Homes Performance Report 2020/21 Quarter 2 (Non Key Decision)	Councillor Glyn Jones, Deputy Mayor, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Equalities.	Cabinet	Julie Crook Tel: 01302 862705		Open

1 Dec 2020	Quarter 2 2020-21 Finance and Performance Report and the 'Delivering for Doncaster' Booklet	Mayor Ros Jones	Cabinet	Faye Tyas, Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Director of Finance faye.tyas@doncaster.gov.uk, Louise Parker, Head of Service Strategy & Performance Unit Manager Louise.Parker@doncaster.gov.uk		
12 Jan 2021	Approval of the Council Tax Base for 2021/22	Mayor Ros Jones	Cabinet	Alan Stoves, Head of Revenues and Benefits Tel: 01302 735585 Alan.stoves@doncaster.gov.uk		Open
21 Jan 2021	To agree a new Doncaster Borough Strategy (2021-2030)	Mayor Ros Jones, Mayor of Doncaster with responsibility for Budget and Policy Framework	Cabinet 12/01/21 Council 21/01/21	Allan Wiltshire, Head of Policy and Partnerships allan.wiltshire@doncaster.gov.uk		Open