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Dear Ros

CORPORATE PLAN 19-20 UPDATE

The Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee held a meeting on the 7th February 2019 to consider the updated 2019/20 Corporate Plan. Members supported the plan and provided a number of comments that are detailed below. I would be grateful if you could take account of these additional comments and suggestions when presenting the plan to Full Council on the 5th March 2019.

1. The Committee stressed the importance of highlighting and promoting the notable successes in the document, achieved from pathways created as a result of the Corporate Plan. Members were reminded about the purpose of the Annual Report and the efforts being made to communicate those achievements.
2. The following was raised around the **Doncaster Learning** theme - **How we want to make life better for residents - Pupil attendance and behaviour of disadvantaged young people is improved.**

Concern was raised around the progress being made within this area and reference to the term 'disadvantaged young people' as part of the above statement. The Committee was informed that the Council undertook a corporate responsibility for the Looked After Children indicator around the attendance of Children in Need (that included all categories of Children in Need).

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Members were informed that although performance in this area had improved, Doncaster currently performed less well in comparison to its statistical neighbours. Members were reminded about the positive and targeted work being undertaken to monitor, challenge and address this issue. The Committee acknowledged these positive actions and how those schools were developing and improving as a result.

3. The Committee stressed the importance of reaching the objectives in the Corporate Plan in partnership with the voluntary sector and questioned the support available to enable them to have a voice. Members were informed that this featured within the **Five Imperatives (1. Harnessing community strengths, collaboration and assets, particularly to enable more improvements in well-being to be delivered by communities)** and that it was set out early in the Plan, as it was considered as a key issue that cross-cut across all areas.
4. Reference was made to the Health Implications as outlined in the Corporate Plan covering report and the importance of how interventions and preventative measures allows local authorities to play its part in creating health and addressing unequal patterns of illness.
5. Finally, it was commented that the Glossary was a useful addition to the plan.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Allan Wiltshire, Head of Policy and Partnerships, for outlining in detail the information contained in the Corporate Plan. I would be grateful for a response by no later than the 18th March 2019.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Rodgers', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Councillor Kevin Rodgers
Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

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Scott Fawcus - Assistant Director - Legal & Democratic Services