



# Doncaster Council

## Report

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Date: 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019

To the Chair and Members of the  
Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel

### TO RECONFIGURE THE DONCASTER CHILDREN'S TRUST AS AN ARMS LENGTH MANAGEMENT COMPANY

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

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The Children and Young People Panel (CYP) is asked to receive a report on the proposal to change the governance of Doncaster Children's Services Trust (DCST) to an Arm's Length Management Company wholly owned by Doncaster Council and to amend the existing contract to deliver specified children's social care services functions on behalf of the Council. This report is attached at Appendix A and will be presented to Cabinet on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019.
2. As part of the Panel's role in understanding the proposed change of arrangements the CYP Panel is asked to receive and note the information on the proposed organisational change, change of governance and contract relationship effective from 1st April 2019 subject to ministerial approval.

### EXEMPT REPORT

3. This report is not exempt.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

4. The Panel is asked to receive and note the proposed organisational change, change of governance and contract relationship effective from 1st April 2019 subject to ministerial approval as detailed in the report attached at Appendix A.

## **WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?**

4. Presenting the information to Overview and Scrutiny prior to the decision provides an opportunity to further assist the Panel in its understanding of this proposed decision. This supports openness and transparency of decision making.

## **BACKGROUND**

5. The background to this decision is detailed in the report attached at Appendix A. The CYP Panel has a key role in terms of providing support and critical friend challenge to the Council to ensure its arrangements for ensuring children are kept safe are robust. The CYP Panel is being presented with information relating to the proposed changes ahead of its consideration by Cabinet, to ensure Members are aware of the proposals and have an opportunity to understand how the proposed arrangements will operate.

## **OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

6. The options relating to the proposal are detailed in the attached report.

## **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION**

7. The presentation of the proposal to the CYP Panel before consideration by Cabinet is the preferred option as it provides an opportunity for Members to receive and better understand the proposals being presented.

## **IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OUTCOMES**

8. The new arrangements have the potential to impact on all of the Doncaster Growing Together outcomes and these are identified in the attached report. Consideration of this issue by the CYP Panel supports the Connected Council theme of "Working with our partners and residents to provide effective leadership and governance".

## **RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS**

9. There are no specific risks and assumptions associated with this report. The key risks and assumptions associated with the decision are set out in the report attached at Appendix A.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials NC Date 19/2/19]**

10. The key functions of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee are set out in the Local Government Act 2000, subsequent legislation, and the Council's Constitution. Core functions include holding the Executive to account and maintaining an oversight of the delivery of Council services. Overview and

Scrutiny Committees have the power to review any decisions or actions taken in connection with the discharge of any functions which are the responsibility of the executive. Reviewing the proposed decision ahead of its consideration by Cabinet on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019 is consistent with the roles and responsibility of Overview and Scrutiny.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

11. No specific Financial implications have been sought for this report. The financial implications associated with this decision are set out in the report attached at Appendix A.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS**

12. No specific Human Resource implications have been sought for this report. The Human Resource implications associated with this decision are set out in the report attached at Appendix A.

### **TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS**

13. No specific Technology implications have been sought for this report. The technology implications associated with this decision are set out in the report attached at Appendix A.

### **HEALTH IMPLICATIONS**

14. No specific Health implications have been sought for this report. The Health implications associated with this decision are set out in the report attached at Appendix A.

### **EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials AS Date 15.02.19.]**

15. There are no specific Equality Implications associated with this report.

### **CONSULTATION**

16. No specific consultation has taken place in respect of this report. The consultation taken in respect of the proposed decision is set out in the attached report.

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

17. None

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