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To the Chair and Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY PANEL – CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES REVIEW

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)	Wards Affected	Key Decision
Councillor Nuala Fennelly, Cabinet Member /for Children, Young People and Schools	All	None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to present the findings and recommendations of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel review into children with disabilities.

EXEMPT REPORT

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

REOMMENDATIONS

3. It is recommended that the Panel comment on and agree the recommendations in the attached report (Appendix A).

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?

4. The Overview and Scrutiny function has the potential to impact upon all of the Council's key objectives by holding decision makers to account, reviewing performance and developing policy.

BACKGROUND

5. The Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel chose, as a review topic, Children with Disabilities and undertook the work between July and October, 2015. The recommendations included in the review report at Appendix A are based on information and evidence heard during meetings held with parents, children, officers and respite providers.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

6. There are no alternative options within this report as the intention is to provide the Committee an opportunity to consider the findings and recommendations of the Panel

Outcomes	Implications
All people in Doncaster benefit	The work of Overview a Scrutiny
from a thriving and resilient economy.	has the potential to have an impact on all the Council's key objective
 Mayoral Priority: Creating Jobs and Housing Mayoral Priority: Be a strong voice for our veterans Mayoral Priority: Protecting Doncaster's vital services 	
People live safe, healthy, active and independent lives.	
 Mayoral Priority: Safeguarding our Communities Mayoral Priority: Bringing down the cost of living 	
People in Doncaster benefit from a high quality built and natural environment.	
 Mayoral Priority: Creating Jobs and Housing Mayoral Priority: Safeguarding our Communities Mayoral Priority: Bringing down the cost of living 	
 All families thrive. Mayoral Priority: Protecting Doncaster's vital services 	
Council services are modern and value for money.	
Working with our partners we will provide strong leadership and governance.	

IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OUTCOMES

RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

12. There are no specific risks associated with this report. The Panel may wish to consider the extent to which the recommendations should be consistent with and have been developed from the research arising from Members' investigations.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

13. There are no specific legal implications arising directly from this report. Any legal implications relating to recommendations made will need to be considered if detailed proposals are brought forward.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

14. There are no specific financial implications arising from the recommendations detailed in this report. Any financial implications relating to recommendation made will need to be considered if detailed proposals are brought forward.

HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

15. There are no specific human resource implications arising directly from this report.

TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS

16. There are no technology implications arising from this report.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

17. There are no significant equality implications associated with this report. Within its programme of work Overview and Scrutiny gives due consideration to the extent to which the Council has complied with its Public Equality Duty and given due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, promote equality of opportunity and foster good relations between different communities.

CONSULTATION

18. Information and evidence was heard at the review meetings which were attended by relevant Council officers, parents, children and respite providers.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

19. None

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