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Report of: Children, Young People and Family Support
Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee

Report to: Cabinet

Date of Decision: 17th June 2020

Subject: Call-In of Cabinet Decision on “Investing in Young People”

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Purpose of Report:

This paper reports the outcome of the Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 21st May 2020 where a Call-In of Cabinet decision on “Investing in Young People” was considered.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

- (a) notes the decision of the Children, Young People and Family Support Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee to request that the decision be deferred until the Scrutiny Committee has considered all relevant issues and made recommendations to the Executive;
- (b) agrees to the request from Children, Young People and Family Support Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee to defer the decision, as above;
- (c) irrespective of recommendation (b) above, Cabinet agrees to provide more detail to Children, Young People and Family Support Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee on what is envisaged in the service going forward as identified in item 2.4, preferably at an early point in the timeline, prior to executive decision.

Background Papers:

Cabinet Members Decision and Report:

<http://democracy.sheffield.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=2486>

Lead Officer to complete:-		
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3	Cabinet Member consulted:	<i>(Insert name of relevant Cabinet Member)</i> n/a
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	Lead Officer Name: <i>Alice Nicholson</i>	Job Title: Policy & Improvement Officer
	Date: <i>05/01/2020</i>	

Called-In Decision: Outcome of Scrutiny Committee Meeting 21st May 2020

1. Cabinet Decision

- 1.1 On the 19th March 2020 Cabinet made the following decision:
- (a) notes the findings of the Leader Review of Youth Services;
 - (b) endorses and approves the ambitions and proposals set out in this report, to support and improve the lives of young people in Sheffield;
 - (c) notes the concurrent decision made in the Council Meeting of 4th March 2020 to invest an additional £2m to further develop young people's services in 2020-21, with an ambition to identify additional mainstream funding through the Council's budget process in future years; and
 - (d) agrees not to retender the current contract for Youth Services when it expires.

2. Scrutiny

- 2.1 As per Part 4, section 16 of Sheffield City Council's Constitution, this decision was called in.
- 2.2 Children, Young People and Family Support Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee considered this call-in at a meeting held on 21st May 2020.
- 2.3 The Committee heard from The Leader, Cabinet Member for Education and Skills, Cabinet Member for Children and Families, Director for and Councillors who called-in the decision. The members of the Scrutiny Committee considered the process and detail of the decision, in summary they want to know why this proposal of investing in young people had not come earlier to scrutiny for questions and with more information to be able to understand all options considered, the shape of the service going forward, and financial implications of proposals. The Committee heard the Executive emphasise the decision made is not to retender contract to protect Sheffield Futures, a report will come back to explain delivery, and that the administration is giving £2m more to youth services. Members of the Committee wanted to know how this change will encourage collaboration, how it is best value and best service for young people. The Children, Young People and Family Support Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee decided that there was not enough detail for them in the report to Cabinet 19th March to fully consider the decision of Cabinet and make any recommendations.

- 2.4 The Scrutiny Committee heard the reason for the Call-In, the Executive response to matters raised by the signatories and Members of the Committee in this regard, the Scrutiny Committee after hearing this determined to request that the Cabinet decision be deferred until the Scrutiny Committee has considered all relevant issues and made recommendations, specifically the Committee ask for (i) more information referred to in the original report to the Cabinet as being available in April this year, and, in particular, what aspects of the Service would be done in-house, and what would be provided externally and (ii) an impact assessment on the capability of the existing service provider to maintain other aspects of provision currently contracted to the Council. The Committee are aware this means there is a continuing bar on implementing the decision of Cabinet 19th March 2020.
- 2.5 Reasoning for the Children, Young People and Family Support Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee outcome is that members of the Committee require more information to be able to make recommendations to the executive on the Cabinet decision of 19th March 2020. The Children, Young People and Family Support Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee is asking for sight of more information referred to in the original report to Cabinet as being available in April this year, the Committee fully appreciate the April date for further information was set prior to the Covid-19 situation, lockdown and Council response, however we note from the meeting that this further information will be available in a paper soon.
- 2.6 We encourage Cabinet to share the further information and detail as soon as practicable with us so that we can make recommendations on this issue of importance to the young people of Sheffield, to ensure a service that benefits young people, and so that as a Committee we may undertake scrutiny and policy development.

3. Recommendations:

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