

BOLSOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

SCRUTINY PROJECT MANAGEMENT – REVIEW SCOPE

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| NAME OF COMMITTEE: | Healthy, Safe, Clean & Green Communities Scrutiny Committee |
| SUBJECT TO BE REVIEWED: | Review of Council's partnership role in supporting children in care and care leavers |
| REASON(S) FOR THE REVIEW: | <p>Raised as a potential topic by Joint Strategic Director – People, due to changes at county level and new legislative requirements.</p> <p>Raised by a number of Cllrs as part of the topic suggestion process at Scrutiny Conference 2019, with specific concerns in relation to our housing offer, support for further education and employment by way of apprenticeships and work placements. Members see this as a natural extension to our safeguarding role. The issue affects the whole District with evidence at County partnership level that there is a significant shortfall in the required number of foster carers and support to foster children and care leavers.</p> <p>There is Executive support for further scrutiny in this area of partnership delivery.</p> |
| IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE CORPORATE PLAN AIMS, PRIORITIES AND TARGETS: | <p>CORPORATE PLAN AIM – Providing Our Customers with Excellence Service</p> <p>Transforming Our Organisation</p> <p>Supporting Our Communities to be Healthier, Safer, Cleaner and Greener</p> <p>PRIORITIES – Providing Our Customers with Excellence Service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged people • Providing quality council housing where people choose to live <p>Transforming Our Organisation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively engaging with partners to benefit our communities <p>Supporting Our Communities to be Healthier, Safer, Cleaner and Greener</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving health and wellbeing by contributing to the delivery of Healthy Bolsover priorities • Increasing participation in sport and leisure activities <p>TARGETS – C 15 - Ensure a minimum of 50% of clients receiving parenting</p> |

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| | <p><u>support each year express a positive outcome.</u> <u>C 06 - Prevent homelessness for more than 50% of people who are facing homelessness each year.</u> <u>H 01 - Deliver a minimum of 8000 hours of positive activity through community based culture and leisure engagement per year.</u> <u>H 02 - Increase participation/attendances in leisure, sport, recreation, health, physical and cultural activity by 3,000 per year.</u></p> |
| <p>DIRECTORATE/SERVICES INVOLVED:</p> | <p>Directorates: Place and People</p> <p>Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnerships & Transformation • Housing & Community Safety – Parenting Support; Community Outreach • Economic Development • Corporate Governance – Human Resources & Organisational Development |
| <p>AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF REVIEW:</p> | <p>Aim: To establish if BDC is fulfilling its role in relation to children in care and care leavers.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish if our current partnership approach meets legal and customer expectations • Ensure that BDC complies with obligations under Section 2 of the Children & Social Care Act 2017, including scrutiny of the development of our Local Offer for Care Leavers (18-25years). • Examine the effectiveness of BDC’s current approach to financial advice/support and money management, including services delivered directly by BDC and those services delivered in partnership. • Ensure that completion of the review complements and supports the DCC Review of the Derbyshire Care Leavers Offer. • Evaluate our current housing offer to foster families and care leavers. • Assess what opportunities are offered in relation to volunteering/social integration both directly and in partnership, particularly with voluntary sector providers. |
| <p>KEY ISSUES:</p> | <p>Key lines of enquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What support is currently provided by BDC, individually or in partnership? How could we enhance this further? • How do BDC Housing services work with partners to ensure care leavers can access council/supported housing, if required? • Do we have purpose built sites for supported living within the District and how do we work with these to ensure transition to |

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| | <p>independent living, if appropriate?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What regulation is there of private sector housing supporting care leavers? • What do BDC offer by way of supported work placements and apprenticeships to care leavers? Could our current activity be enhanced via partnership working? • Does our leisure services offer meet the needs of care leavers? (Potential impacts on health/mental wellbeing) • How are we currently working across our services and with our partners to ensure opportunities for integration of children in care and care leavers <p>Members are keen to ensure that the review complements work taking place by DCC Scrutiny - Review of the Derbyshire Care Leavers Offer. The aim of the review is to identify opportunities to improve the Derbyshire Care Leavers Offer so that it is equitable and consistent across the county. The review will focus on three components of the offer: Accommodation, council tax exemptions and financial sustainability when a young person first leaves care to live independently.</p> <p>It is hoped there will be an opportunity for joint working with DCC Scrutiny Members to ensure maximum impact from both reviews.</p> |
| <p>METHOD(S) OF REVIEW:</p> | <p>Document review Sharing of evidence with DCC Scrutiny Review of the Derbyshire Care Leavers Offer Presentation/Briefing to Committee Development of proposals in relation to compliance with Section 2, Children & Social Care Act 2017</p> |
| <p>IMPLICATIONS: (legislative, regulatory, etc)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 2, Children & Social Care Act 2017 • Section 13A, Local Government and Finance Act 1992 – allows reduction to Council Tax in addition to statutory discounts |
| <p>DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE: (Internal/External)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of Draft BDC Care Leavers Offer – consider benchmarking against neighbouring areas. • DCC Scrutiny Review scope, research summary and final report and recommendations. • BDC Housing Allocations Policy – currently under review by Customer Service & Transformation Scrutiny • Leisure services offer/policy for specific provision and/or concessionary access. • Work Experience Placements Policy (BDC) • Strategic Alliance People Strategy 2016-2019 |
| <p>STAKEHOLDERS:</p> | <p>*RELEVANT PORTFOLIO HOLDER MUST BE INVOLVED IN THE REVIEW</p> |

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| | <p>Portfolio Holders – Partnership & Transformation; Housing & Community Safety Joint Strategic Director – People Head of Partnerships & Transformation Policy, Partnerships & Strategy Manager (and wider team) and where relevant Bolsover Partnership Human Resources & OD Manager</p> <p>Joint Strategic Director – Place Head of Housing & Community Safety Housing Needs Manager Joint Housing Policy and Intelligence Officer Senior Parenting Practitioner Head of Economic Development</p> <p>2Shires Credit Union</p> <p>DCC Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – People</p> |
| CONSULTATION/ RESEARCH: | Potential survey of care leavers and DCC support workers to assess how BDC Housing offer meets customer expectations – this would potentially duplicate DCC activity and a partnership approach/sharing of data should be considered. |
| SITE VISITS: | Meetings of DCC Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – People |

| TIMESCALE | ESTIMATED | REVISED | ACTUAL |
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| Commencement | September 2019 | October 2019 | |
| Interim Report/ Recommendations | February 2020 | | |
| Finish (Report to Committee) | March 2020 | | |
| Report to Executive | March 2020 | | |

SCRUTINY REVIEW OUTCOMES

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| CONCLUSIONS: | |
| RECOMMENDATIONS: | |
| DRAFT REPORT SENT TO DIRECTOR & ANY RELEVANT OFFICERS FOR COMMENT: | *DATE AND OFFICERS RESPONDING |
| DATE DRAFT REPORT CONSIDERED BY PORTFOLIO HOLDER: | |
| DATE SIGNED OFF BY COMMITTEE/CHAIR: | |
| DATE CONSIDERED BY EXECUTIVE: | |
| DATE OF EXECUTIVE RESPONSE TO COMMITTEE: | |
| POST-SCRUTINY MONITORING PERIOD: | |
| DATE OF EVALUATION OF PROCESS: | |