

POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

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PROGRESS UPDATE ON CHILD POVERTY ISSUES

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide a progress update to Members on the work undertaken in relation to reducing Child Poverty in the district; with a focus on the 2011 Child poverty pledges and the outcomes following the Social Mobility Commission report - State of the Nation (2017).

2.0 Background Information

- 2.1 The Child Poverty Act 2010 places a statutory duty upon top tier local authorities and their named partners to prepare a joint child poverty strategy which sets out the measures to reduce the effects of child poverty. The government has since amended the Child Poverty Act, replacing the income targets with a duty to report on Life Chances, contained in the Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016.
- 2.2 Nottinghamshire County Council developed a countywide strategy in 2011, *Building Aspiration: Working Together to Tackle Child and Family Poverty in Nottinghamshire*. The Council supported the Strategy at its Cabinet meeting in September 2011 and were asked to contribute pledges that the District Council would undertake in order to reduce child poverty in the district.
- 2.3 The Nottinghamshire Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA): Child Poverty 2016 identifies **8 target wards** within the District where child poverty levels exceed the national figure of 18% (**Appendix A**). There are **54 wards** across Nottinghamshire in total. It is worth noting that the latest data available is from 2014, however following the boundary review in 2015, there are some wards that no longer exist. In addition, the JSNA further identifies **2 hotspots (Devon Ward and Boughton Ward)** where over 30% of children live in poverty. There are 12 hotspots across the County in total.
- 2.4 Since the last update, the State of the Nation 2017 report published by the Social Mobility Commission in November 2017 indicated that Newark and Sherwood was ranked second worst in the overall table for Social Mobility. The East Midlands region had the lowest social mobility scores in the country with the worst outcomes for disadvantaged children during early years, school and life stages.

3.0 Proposals

3.1 Child Poverty

The District Council made a commitment in 2011 to work in accordance with a number of pledges as set out within the Nottinghamshire County Council countywide strategy; *Building Aspiration: Working Together to Tackle Child and Family Poverty in Nottinghamshire*. A progress update on each of the pledges is attached at **Appendix B**.

- 3.2 Key areas of work include:
- working with schools to develop skills and aspiration;
 - delivering the Nottinghamshire Warm Homes on Prescription project to support low income residents including families; and
 - supporting residents to ensure that benefits are processed accurately.
- 3.3 It is important to note that the pledges are broader than child poverty and cover vulnerable families, which encompasses a range of other factors such as securing employment, preventative measures to tackle homelessness, and access to leisure activities in the District.
- 3.4 The Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Nottinghamshire (2018-2022) makes a commitment to addressing child poverty through supporting ‘a good start in life’. There is overwhelming evidence that making healthier decisions as a child can influence someone’s health throughout their life. Through tackling issues which affect life chances, support for an individual’s health can be improved.
- 3.5 The Policy and Projects Officer also attends the countywide Life chances and Families Strategic Partnership Group led by the County Council to discuss poverty issues within the district and County. In particular, recent updates include work around foodbanks in the district, barriers to the take up of funded hours child care in early year provision, and roll out of universal credit. The Life Chances partnership group are currently finalising the action plan for 2018 – 2020. A draft version is attached at **Appendix C**. Outcomes identified by the group within the plan are summarised below:
- **Children and Families experience fewer negative outcomes from the effects of poverty;**
 - **Families and Children are able to move out of poverty;**
 - **The Cycle of Poverty is broken as children are prevented from becoming poor adults.**
- 3.6 Each of the outcomes are aligned to aims/objectives and measures of success. Responsibilities aligned to District Councils are highlighted in red. Once the plan has been finalised a discussion will take place with relevant Business Managers to ensure actions are being progressed locally in accordance with the timescales specified.
- 3.7 Child Poverty data for 2015 has recently been published (February 2018) and the County Council are now working on some analysis of the data and preparing some county maps to indicate the profile of the District. Early analysis of the data indicates that Newark and Sherwood has 2400 children under 16 living in Income Support/Job Seekers Allowance (IS/JSA) households. Rushcliffe has the lowest number of children under 16 living in IS/JSA with 880 in the County and Ashfield has the highest number of children under 16 living in IS/JSA households with 3,855. Following the publication of the County Council’s analysis of this data, we will be able to analyse the District profile in more detail and provide an update at a later date.
- 3.8 Early research suggests that the outcome of the Brexit negotiations could have an impact on poverty in the district. The Joseph Rowntree Foundation (2016) indicates that Brexit could return the UK to lighter employment regulation (currently governed by EU regulations) which could see a rise in temporary staff having varying employment rights

which could lead to individuals being out of work for longer periods of time. The Food Foundation (a think tank fighting against nutritional inequality) indicate that an increase in food prices particularly products which are imported from overseas has risen as a result of inflation leading from the Brexit decision. As families struggle to pay for food, poverty is likely to prevail in these areas.

- 3.9 For a more localised context, the Nottinghamshire Life Chances and Families Strategic Partnership Group will be considering the impact of Brexit on poverty issues and undertake collaborative activity at future meetings. The Organisational Development team are also undertaking a scoping exercise reviewing the potential impacts of the Brexit negotiations on a variety of Council services.

4.0 Social Mobility

- 4.1 The Social Mobility Index (SMI) explores how geographical location can affect social mobility for individuals growing up and choosing to live in different areas. The index combines a range of indicators into one figure and uses this to provide a ranking between different areas. The index is divided into four sections which are: early years, school, youth and working lives.

- 4.2 Although there is some discussion as to the methodology utilised, Newark and Sherwood was ranked second worst in the overall table for Social Mobility. The East Midlands region has the lowest social mobility scores in the country with the worst outcomes for disadvantaged children during early years, school and life stages.

- 4.3 The Council are undertaking pro-active work in addressing the Social Mobility issues in particular the Economic Growth Business Unit are addressing issues around access to early years provision, employment skills in schools and focus on building aspiration for families. The Economic Development Committee in January approved a maximum budget of £60k to address Social Mobility issues, acknowledging the proposed collaborative work that the Council is undertaking to tackle social mobility in the district. Housing Options and Safeguarding will also be working collaboratively to address social mobility issues particularly around working with local partners such as Citizens Advice, Nottingham Credit Union and HomeStart.

5.0 Budgetary Implications/Policy Framework

- 5.1 Any spend identified within this report will be contained within existing budget provision.

6.0 Comments from the Deputy S151 Officer

- 6.1 £60,000 was approved at the 5th April 2018 Policy and Finance Committee to be carried forward from the 2017/18 financial year in order to fund the commitment to the Social Mobility Index. This was found within the underspend from the 2017/18 financial year and the carry forward is contained within the financial outturn report for 2017/18.

7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS that:

- (a) the progress made against the Child Poverty pledges made by the Council in 2011 be noted;**
- (b) the outcomes identified within 'improving the life chances of children, young people and families action plan 1st April 2018 – 31st March 2020' (refer to para 3.5 / Appendix C) be noted; and**
- (c) the update regarding Social Mobility be noted.**

Reason for Recommendations

To inform Members on the progress around Child Poverty pledges and the outcomes on the Social Mobility Commission report – State of the Nation.

Background Papers

Building Aspiration: Working Together to Tackle Child and Family Poverty in Nottinghamshire (2011) <http://cms.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/childandfamilypovertystrategy0911.pdf>

Building Aspiration: Working Together to Tackle Child and Family Poverty in Nottinghamshire (2014) <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/media/110475/child-poverty-strategy-2014.pdf>

The EU referendum and UK poverty – Joseph Rowntree Foundation (2016) - <https://www.irf.org.uk/report/eu-referendum-and-uk-poverty>

Food and the EU referendum (2016) – The Food Foundation - <https://foodfoundation.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/food-and-eu-ref-policy-briefing-1.pdf>

Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (2018-2022) – Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board (2018) <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/health-and-wellbeing/health-and-wellbeing-board/health-and-wellbeing-strategy>

Personal Tax Credits: Children in Low Income Families – Snapshot as at 31 August 2015 – HM Revenues and Customs (2018) https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/683403/Commentary_CiLIF_2015.pdf

Nottinghamshire Joint Strategic Needs Assessment: Child Poverty (2016) <http://www.nottinghamshireinsight.org.uk/research-areas/jsna/children-and-young-people/child-poverty-2016/>

State of the Nation: Social Mobility in Great Britain – Social Mobility Commission (2017) https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/662744/State_of_the_Nation_2017_-_Social_Mobility_in_Great_Britain.pdf

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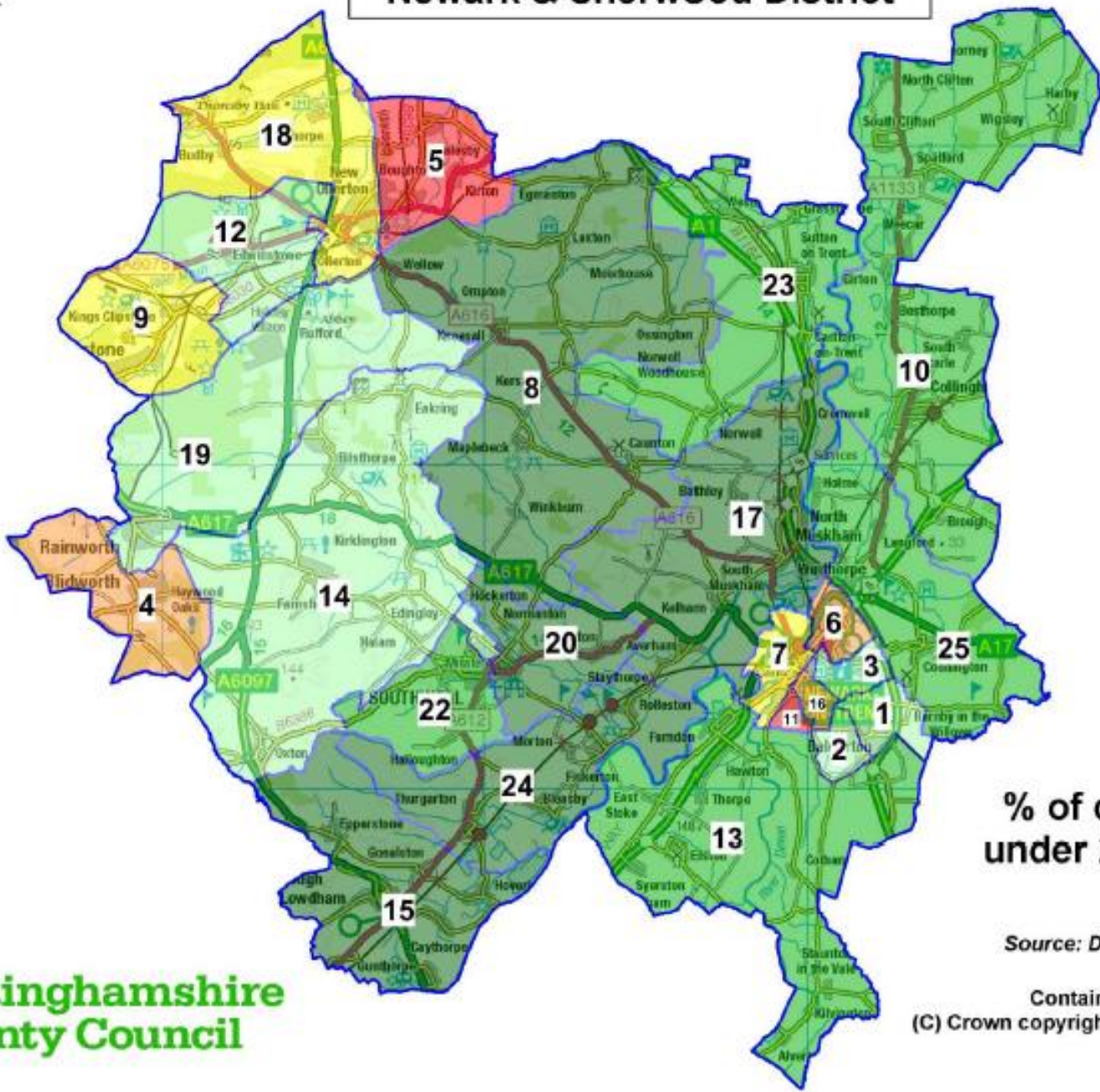
Percentage of Children in each census ward aged under 20 in poverty



Newark & Sherwood District



Code	Ward Name	%
1	Beckham North	14.1%
2	Beckham West	13.9%
3	Beverly	11.9%
4	Blithworth	23.9%
5	Brough	31.0%
6	Butterley	24.8%
7	Castle	16.0%
8	Coventry	8.7%
9	Clystone	20.0%
10	Collegers & Blount	8.8%
11	Corral	22.7%
12	Eltham	14.0%
13	Harwood	11.0%
14	Harwood & Mansfield	12.4%
15	Leas Green	8.8%
16	Milford	24.3%
17	Mill Hill	2.9%
18	Overton	20.9%
19	Rainworth	17.9%
20	Shalton East	4.3%
21	Shalton West	11.9%
22	Shalton East	7.9%
23	Shalton West	10.1%
24	Trout	2.7%
25	Widley	7.4%



% of children aged under 20 in poverty, 2014

Source: DWP data, October 2016

Progress Update on District Council Child Poverty Pledges

1.	Pledge:	We will work with partners to ensure that local people have access to employment opportunities
	Lead Officer:	Julie Reader-Sullivan, Business Manager Economic Growth
	Activities undertaken to support pledge:	<p>The Economic Growth Team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed and implemented the Ollerton Outreach Service - delivered by the Council and a number of partners (DWP, Ollerton and Boughton Town Council, Sure Start, Academy Transformation Trust). The Outreach Service engages with local people regarding their job search, and facilitates placements with local employers. The Outreach Service has strong links with a range of employers in the district such as Ambitions Personnel, KnowHow, Bakkavor, Center Parcs; Thoresby Hall, Forest Town Chip Shop; Farm in Blidworth; Local Care Homes; • Undertake regular activities in primary and secondary schools which focuses on aspiration for young people including a CODE club and business projects in schools which also engage parents; • Hold a Career Expo once a year; • Deliver regular workshops encouraging employers and residents to engage and provide skills, e.g. employability courses including training in Food Hygiene, First Aid and manual handling; • Host apprenticeship and advice days for 18-24 years old in conjunction with other organisations; • Support the Sherwood Forest Education Partnership to deliver the Lifeskills Framework which is an innovative approach to support skill development of individuals, to acquire the skills necessary to support employment.
2.	Pledge:	We will work with partners to encourage all homes in the district to be safe, warm and of a decent standard
	Lead Officer:	Leanne Monger, Business Manager Housing and Safeguarding
	Activities undertaken to support pledge:	<p>The Housing Options and Energy Home Support Team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver the Nottinghamshire Warm Homes on Prescription project to support low income residents including families with cold sensitive long term health conditions to achieve affordable warmth; • Maintain regular liaison with the Newark and Sherwood CCG.
3.	Pledge:	We will seek to reduce the rate of homelessness by providing a range of housing advice and support
	Lead Officer:	Leanne Monger, Business Manager Housing and Safeguarding
	Activities	The Housing Options Team:

	undertaken to support pledge:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fulfil the Councils statutory homelessness and prevention responsibilities, ensuring information and advice is available to all residents; • Continually review the Council's homelessness prevention strategy, in partnership with the Homelessness Interagency Forum.
4.	Pledge:	We will continue to provide access to affordable leisure and cultural activities
	Lead Officer:	Andy Hardy, Community Arts/Active4Today
	Activities undertaken to support pledge:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active4Today offer a discretionary pricing structure including concessionary rates available for members who may find cost a barrier to access. • The Sports Development team deliver and create opportunities in sport within communities, schools and for partners which remove barriers to access and are affordable. For example the Street Games project which allows sport sessions to be delivered on peoples doorsteps. • Active 4 Today are a proactive partner on the Together for Newark Group (previously 'closing the gap' a funded project by Nottinghamshire County Council) which addresses gaps in vulnerable student groups. Local partners, business, charities sit on this group to look to improve life chances for the most vulnerable. One project that has been funded by Together for Newark is Newark Youth College to encourage children to take part in enrichment activities in and out of school – try new things, learn new skills and meet new people – this is free project to engage in removing the biggest barrier to participation.
5.	Pledge:	We will review local support available to vulnerable families, the impact these services have and identify opportunities for improvement
	Lead Officer:	Leanne Monger, Business Manager Housing and Safeguarding
	Activities undertaken to support pledge:	<p>The Housing Options and Energy Home Support Team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have established links with the Nottinghamshire Life Chances for Families and Children (formerly known as the Child Poverty Reference Group); • Work with the Newark and Sherwood CCG/ Sherwood and Newark Citizens Advice/DWP and other third sector partners to support vulnerable families.
6.	Pledge:	We will collaborate with and assist a range of voluntary and community organisations that provide support and services to residents vulnerable to child poverty
	Lead	Andy Hardy, Community Arts

	Officer:	
	Activities undertaken to support pledge:	<p>We help to facilitate the provision of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free activities for young people in the Council's Parks through Newark and Sherwood Play Support; • Local clubs such as the Newark Town Football club, to help keep costs low; • Low costs to hire the community centres to local groups such as the Hawtonville Community Centre; • Outreach activities in our open spaces e.g. Vicar Water Park.
7.	Pledge:	We will maximise benefit take up of families in poverty and turnaround applications quickly and accurately
	Lead Officer:	Phil Ward, Business Manager, Revenues and Benefits
	Activities undertaken to support pledge:	<p>The Revenues and Benefits Team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are trained and skilled to deal with all enquiries which supports speedy processing of claims; • Process applications within 28 days; • Ensure that accuracy rates for processing claims is excellent allowing residents to access benefits in a timely manner; • Signpost residents to other benefits where relevant such as child tax credits; • Offer a visiting service to include visiting vulnerable claimants/ families in their homes when required; • Work with the Housing Options team to provide discretionary housing payments where appropriate; • Provide website links to the benefits available and signposts to other benefits that may be applicable; • Have close links with social landlords; Newark and Sherwood Homes, Nottingham Community Housing; Leicester community housing and have trained staff from these organisations to assist claimants to complete benefit forms.

Improving the Life Chances of Children, Young People and Families Action Plan 1st April 2018 – 31st March 2020

This action plan is part of the Nottinghamshire Child Poverty Strategy and is performance managed and developed by the Nottinghamshire Life Chances for Children and Families Partnership. The plan focuses on improving life chances and social mobility with a particular focus on tackling child poverty in Nottinghamshire.

This action plan has been informed by the Child Poverty and Life Chances JSNA 2016 which can be found here: <http://jsna.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/insight/Strategic-Framework/Nottinghamshire-JSNA.aspx>

For more information for professionals please go to <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/childrens-social-care/nottinghamshire-childrens-trust/child-poverty>

Information for children, young people and families is available at: www.nottshelpyourself.org.uk/

Expected Outcome	Aims (what do we want to achieve?)	Objectives (How)	Lead (By Who)	Deadline (By When)	Measure of success
Children and Families experience fewer negative outcomes from the effects of poverty	To improve the life chances of children and families by working in partnership to reduce levels of child poverty and reduce the impact of poverty.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to facilitate Life Chances for Children and Families partnership group. Develop, implement and review the Life Chances Action Plan across the partnership. Improving Life Chances and Child Poverty work are considered by the Children's Trust. Actively target and direct resources to localities and community groups with higher rates of child poverty. 	Early Childhood Services, NCC	Review annually	Engagement of partners through the Life Chances Partnership. Child Poverty levels decline (awaiting national data). Inequalities are reduced across localities evidenced through child poverty data (awaiting national data).
	Workers recognise the importance of tackling child poverty in improving outcomes for families.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scope the creation of an e-learning course to help increase understanding of child poverty and what frontline staff can do to effectively support families. This will include links to identifying neglect and the 	NCC & Homestart NCC Early	July 2018	Evaluation from e-learning. NCC Child Poverty webpage hits. Attendance at briefing events.

Expected Outcome	Aims (what do we want to achieve?)	Objectives (How)	Lead (By Who)	Deadline (By When)	Measure of success
		<p>links with poverty.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refresh the child poverty webpages on the NCC website Roll out Universal Credit Briefings for frontline staff. 	Childhood Services		
	Children, young people and families in poverty have improved health and well-being outcomes.	To close the health inequalities gap for low income groups and their peers by targeting localities and target groups with poorer health and wellbeing outcomes.	NCC Public Health	Measured annually in the Public Health Outcomes Framework	<p>The gap is narrowed between affluent and disadvantaged localities of Nottinghamshire using the following outcome data:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teenage pregnancy Life expectancy Infant mortality Childhood obesity Low birth weight Breastfeeding rates All life expectancy SII/gap measures from birth (Public Health Outcomes Framework 0.2i, 0.2iii, 0.2iv, 0.2v)
	To improve the quality and quantity of private sector rented housing for those in housing need, reducing the need for temporary accommodation used by families.	To undertake a survey to collate the activities and interventions offered by all District Councils to improve the quality and quantity of housing for families in need.	District Councils	Measured annually in District Council reports and the Public Health Outcomes Framework	Statutory Homelessness and households in temporary accommodation (Public Health Outcomes Framework 1.5ii)
Families and Children are able to move out of poverty	To increase uptake of funded childcare provision to and support parents into work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove the barrier of the cost of childcare for all parents by promoting the universal offer of 15 hours per week funded childcare for all 3 and 4 year olds. 			Increased take up of the universal 15 hours childcare for all 3 and 4 year olds. Baseline Autumn 2017 requested from SE by DT.

Expected Outcome	Aims (what do we want to achieve?)	Objectives (How)	Lead (By Who)	Deadline (By When)	Measure of success
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove the barrier of the cost of childcare for working parents with a sustained increase in the number of 3 and 4 year olds (whose parents are in work) accessing their <u>additional</u> 15 hours of free childcare. 			<p>Increased take up rates across all districts of 3 and 4 year olds from working households claiming their 30 hours funded childcare entitlements. Baseline Autumn 2017 requested from SE by DT.</p>
	<p>To provide opportunities for parents to be job ready, by improving skills, confidence and aspirations for their families.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult learning programmes Family Learning Volunteering opportunities for parents are promoted and encouraged e.g. across local voluntary and community services, in local Children's Centres, Homestart etc Successful delivery of the 'Towards Work' programme. Successful delivery of District Council Job Clubs Successful delivery of the Talent Match programme. Promotions of DWP work coaches. 	<p>NCFP Inspire DWP</p>	<p>June 2018</p>	<p>Increasing numbers of parents accessing adult education programmes.</p> <p>Children's Centres impact reports highlight progress re. Job readiness.</p>
	<p>More parents into sustained employment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Support provision through the NCC Family Service and Children's Centres. DWP Building Better Opportunities District council work Other 	<p>NCC, DWP, Building Better Opportunities</p>	<p>March 2019</p>	<p>Successful Troubled Families claims indicate parents in employment.</p> <p>Employment levels and analysis.</p>

Expected Outcome	Aims (what do we want to achieve?)	Objectives (How)	Lead (By Who)	Deadline (By When)	Measure of success
	Working across agencies to consider the effectiveness of work programmes in helping those furthest away from the labour market back into work, in particular adults with mental health difficulties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active promotion of schemes to support parents with mental health problems into work 'health and work programme', 'Recovery College' (Notts Help Yourself) Review of work programmes. 	NCC Economic Development	March 2019	Gap in the employment rate between those with a long term condition / mental health and the overall employment rate (Public Health Outcomes Framework 1.08i, 1.08ii, 1.08iii)
	Increase families' money management skills and build financial resilience for children and families in poverty.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch and roll out money management tools and information through Building Better Opportunities programmes. Families are signposted to and supported to access online benefit eligibility checkers and money management tools. Local partners are aware of and using money management tools in their settings. Scope partnership arrangements with high street banks. 	Better Opportunities Lead	March 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased use of money management tools and resources. More families report increased confidence in money management
	Support families reliant on welfare to navigate the system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roll out of Universal Credit District Briefings to enable frontline workers to correctly support families. Map digital access points across Nottinghamshire to support families to apply for Universal Credit and childcare online. Support the roll out of RCAN digital champions. 	DWP & District Councils, CAB	March 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Universal credit claims Evaluation following briefing events Completion of mapping report Local case studies

Expected Outcome	Aims (what do we want to achieve?)	Objectives (How)	Lead (By Who)	Deadline (By When)	Measure of success
		education entitlements using early year's settings that are 'good' or 'outstanding'.			to access these. Eligible 2 year olds accessing their free early education entitlements (measuredly termly). Baseline Autumn 2017 requested from SE by DT.
	Have a collaborative approach to support young people (16-18 yrs) to not become not in education, training or employment (NEET) and Not Known, maximising opportunities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better awareness and understanding of range of opportunities and programmes, including promotion of careers fairs • Agencies to work collaboratively to provide a pathway. • Be aware of priority groups within this cohort, ensuring all relevant services engage • Family Service – NEET UNIT • Futures – range of programmes for 18+ • Apprenticeships – opportunities in public and private sector organisations, supported by Apprenticeship Agencies • Schools - collaborative approach by NCC/Futures to capture data, including destination info and identify hotspots • 	NCC Family Service and School Improvement	Annual	As at 20.12.17. EET 93.4% NEET 1.4% Not known 5.3%
	To raise the aspirations of children and young people.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful implementation of 2 academic resilience programmes across 30 Nottinghamshire Schools, driven by 'Future in Mind' 2015. • Outcomes based commissioned with short and long term sustainable measures of success. 	NCC Public Health (ICH)	1.4.17 to 31.3.20	Outcomes based commissioned with 9 short and 8 long term sustainable measures of success (detailed in Appendix 1).

Expected Outcome	Aims (what do we want to achieve?)	Objectives (How)	Lead (By Who)	Deadline (By When)	Measure of success
	Consider how to effectively support couple relationships and identify successful models for achieving this.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful delivery of Family Support work led by Children’s Centres and the Family Service. 	NCC and NCFP		Model identified in CC plan and performance framework.

This action plan compliments and has interdependencies with the following plans and strategy

- District/ Borough Council plans
- Family Outcomes Plan
- Nottinghamshire Children and Young People’s Mental and Emotional Wellbeing Strategy Add year
- Nottinghamshire Children, Young People and Families Plan
- Nottinghamshire Closing the Gap Strategy
- Nottinghamshire Early Years Improvement Plan
- Nottinghamshire Health and Well Being Strategy

APPENDIX ONE

Outcome Measures for Academic Resilience work

Short term outcomes

- Developing inner resources for self-awareness, self-confidence, self-esteem and self-efficacy
- Improved behaviour – responding rather than reacting and managing self and challenge
- Improved relationships and sense of belonging
- Improved attendance at school
- Increased focus, attention and ability to learn
- Sustainability in the school setting
- Early identification of and intervention with emotional mental health and wellbeing difficulties.
- Appropriateness of referrals to Child and Adolescent Mental Health services CAMHS
- Improved mental health and well-being and reduced Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)

Long term outcomes

- Increased academic achievement of A*- C grades and to reduce the gap between achievers
- Increased participation in vocational courses and achievement of skills and qualifications
- Increased life chances
- Reduction in young people not in education employment and training (NEETS)
- Reduced reliance on state support and increased economic activity and independence
- Increased mental health and wellbeing
- Building on personal resilience for sustainable and resilience families and communities
- Increased quality of life for individuals and communities.