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**To: Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Board (2)**

**Date: 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

**Subject: Children's Services Redesign**

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### **1 Purpose of the Note**

- 1.1 To provide an overview of the changes made to the transformation of Children's Services

### **2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 The Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Board are recommended to:
- 1) Consider the changes being made to Children's Services as outlined in Appendix 1
  - 2) Identify any recommendations for the Cabinet Member.

### **3 Information/Background**

- 3.1 At their meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2017, members of the Board received a report on the Improvement Board. As part of this report, Members were informed of a re-design of Children's Services.
- 3.2 Members requested further information on the re-design. This can be found in the presentation at Appendix 1.
- 3.3 The re-design is in response to the proposals in the Connecting Communities report which were agreed at Cabinet on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017.
- 3.4 The fundamental aim of the children's transformation changes are to ensure that Coventry City Councils Childrens services are fit for purpose supporting us in:
- Responding earlier to children's and parent's needs
  - Targeting vulnerable and potentially vulnerable children
  - Reducing the number of repeat assessments and hand-offs or changes in worker that children and families experience
  - Enabling single assessment or support plans to be created and sustained through a child's service journey
  - Creating more opportunities for other agencies and professionals to integrate their services with ours around the needs of individual children
  - Supporting new ways of working based on a sustainable structure and resource base as part of the Councils medium term financial strategy
  - Developing a self-improving system of working where doing the right thing is made easier

- 3.5 The consultation on the proposals closed on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2017 and changes made to the original proposals have been made in consideration of the feedback received.
- 3.6 The changes reflect the requirements of and underpins the successful Improvement Plan as well as the learning from the recent Ofsted inspection.
- 3.7 The final proposals have been shared with the trade unions.

#### Appendix 1 – Presentation

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