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

**Date: 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018**

**Subject: Children's Services Redesign – Progress Report**

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## **1 Purpose of the Note**

- 1.1 To provide an overview of the progress made on the redesign of Children's Services following an item the Board received at their meeting on 14th September 2017.s

## **2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 The Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Board are recommended to:
- 1) Consider the progress 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 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017, members of the Board received a report on the re-design of Children's Services. As a follow up to this item, Members requested a further progress report following implementation.
- 3.2 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
- 3.3 The re-design was implemented in September 2017. The changes reflect the requirements of and underpins the successful Improvement Plan as well as the learning from the Ofsted inspection in March 2017.

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