

Meeting: Council

Date: 24 September 2015

Wards Affected: All

Report Title: Joint Commissioning Team: Rationalisation of Statutory Roles

Is the decision a key decision? Yes

When does the decision need to be implemented? Immediately

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1. **Proposal and Introduction**

- 1.1 The report looks at the opportunities, assesses the risks, their mitigation and the benefits of combining the statutory roles of the Director of Children's Services and the Director of Adult Services (Director of Joint Commissioning).
- 1.2 The report proposes a way forward for the Council that ensures that it is "fit for purpose" to perform its "commissioning" role and fulfil its statutory duties for Children's, Adults and Public Health Services.

2. Reason for Proposal

2.1 The report seeks to build on recent and proposed changes to integrate all aspects of operational delivery for Children's and Adults' Social Care Services, strengthen the commissioning role and, where appropriate, develop further integrated opportunities with other public agencies.

3. Recommendation(s) / Proposed Decision

- 3.1 That the proposal to combine the statutory duties of the Director of Children's Services and the Director of Adult Services be approved and the Council moves to the recruitment stage immediately.
- 3.2 That the required "test of assurance" structure set out at Appendix 2 to the submitted report be agreed and the annual review process is put in place for the future.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Supporting Information and Impact Assessment Appendix 2: Test of Assurance

Background Documents - none