

<b>Committee(s)</b>	<b>Dated:</b>
Community and Children's Services Committee	09/09/2016
<b>Subject:</b> Commissioning Prospectus, Children and Young People	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Director of Community and Children's Services	<b>For Information</b>
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### Summary

The Commissioning Team has produced a prospectus which sets out the City of London Corporation's vision and commitment for commissioning services for children and young people. Through this document, the Department of Community and Children's Services will strengthen the commissioning arrangements for children and young people.

The Department of Community and Children's Services has a combination of in-house, spot-purchased and commissioned services. The prospectus sets out to the market the pragmatic approach to commissioning that is taken to ensure that the processes best fit the scale of service required and do not discourage potential providers from wanting to work in partnership with the City.

The commissioning prospectus aims to inform residents, colleagues, Members and our current and potential service providers of the City of London Corporation's commissioning approach and position, and the opportunities that this provides.

It is proposed that versions of the prospectus are also produced for Adults Social Care and Housing and Neighbourhoods.

### Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

- Note the report.

### Main Report

#### Background

1. Commissioning provides the means through which the City of London Corporation can achieve its vision of demonstrating its values and delivering the priorities set out in the Children and Young People's Plan and other supporting strategies. The Commissioning Team has developed a document which demonstrates the commitment of the Department of Community and Children's Services to: a continuous process of better understanding and identification of needs; better design and delivery of responses and services; and on-going evaluation and development of interventions.
2. The prospectus is laid out in five sections and covers the following topics:

- national legislation and local strategic policy
  - the challenges and opportunities of providing services for the City of London Corporation
  - profile data on City of London communities
  - the City's commissioning approach and commitment to service provider partners
  - children and young people.
3. The section in relation to children and young people outlines the City's commitment and expectation to safeguarding, in particular children looked after.
  4. The prospectus was presented to Ofsted this July 2016 during the successful inspection.
  5. The commissioning prospectus was produced in consultation with members of the Service Improvement Board, the Senior Management Team and the Departmental Leadership Team.

### **Current Position**

6. The prospectus has been agreed and approved by the Departmental Leadership Team.

### **Proposals**

7. It is proposed that the prospectus is reviewed and updated on an annual basis.
8. It is proposed that versions of the prospectus are also produced for Adults Social Care and Housing and Neighbourhoods.

### **Implications**

9. The strategic communications and engagement manager for the Department of Community and Children's Services has been consulted during the development of the prospectus. The document has been formatted in line with the Department of Community and Children's Services communications strategy.

### **Conclusion**

10. The prospectus forms part of the City of London Corporation's on-going commitment to improving commissioning for children and young people.

### **Appendices**

- Appendix 1 – Commissioning Prospectus, Children and Young People

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