

Together for Children Business Plan 2019-2020



Our Operating Context

National

Since 2010:

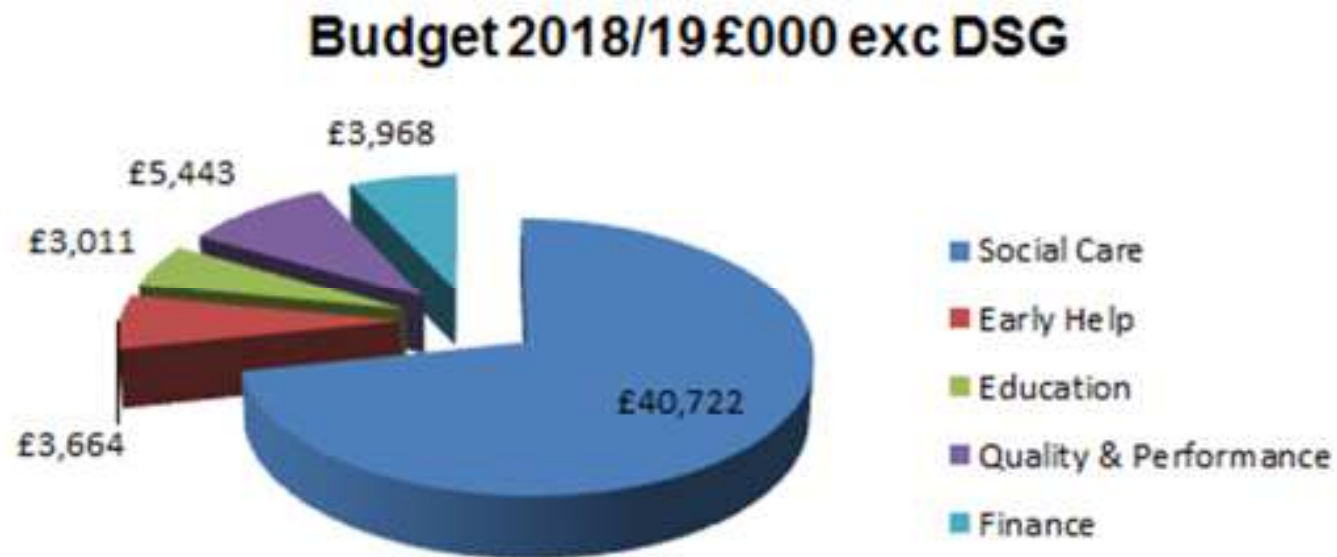
- The rate of children in need has remained relatively steady but rates of children with Child Protection Plans and Children Looked After have risen throughout that time
- Local Authority budgets have reduced significantly and a national funding gap of £2B has been predicted by 2020 should current trends continue
- Almost half of the national budget is spent on the 73,000 children who are looked after, whilst the remaining half is spent on the other 11.7M children
- Almost 72% of budgets are now spent on interventions for families with complex needs, as spending on prevention and youth services had been reduced by over 60%
- Benefit spending on families has reduced by 11% and is planned to reduce further. 66% of children in poverty live in working households.

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Local

- Approximately 54,260 children and young people under the age of 18 years live in Sunderland
- Children and young people from minority ethnic groups account for 6% of all children living in the area, compared with 21% nationally
- Sunderland is the 37th most deprived local authority area out of 150 nationally.
- 38% of Sunderland's population live in the top 20% most deprived wards
- Sunderland has the worst outcomes in the region on education and health and the second worst on income and employment
- Approximately 26% of children aged under 16 years live in low income families
- 20% of primary pupils and 21% of secondary pupils are entitled to free school meals (14% and 13% nationally).

Finance



Our Vision

Through TfC, we will improve the lives of children and their families, keep children safe from harm, and ensure they have the opportunity to fulfil their potential.



Our Mission

TfC will work with all partners to ensure that every ounce of energy and every penny of resource is focused on achieving our vision.

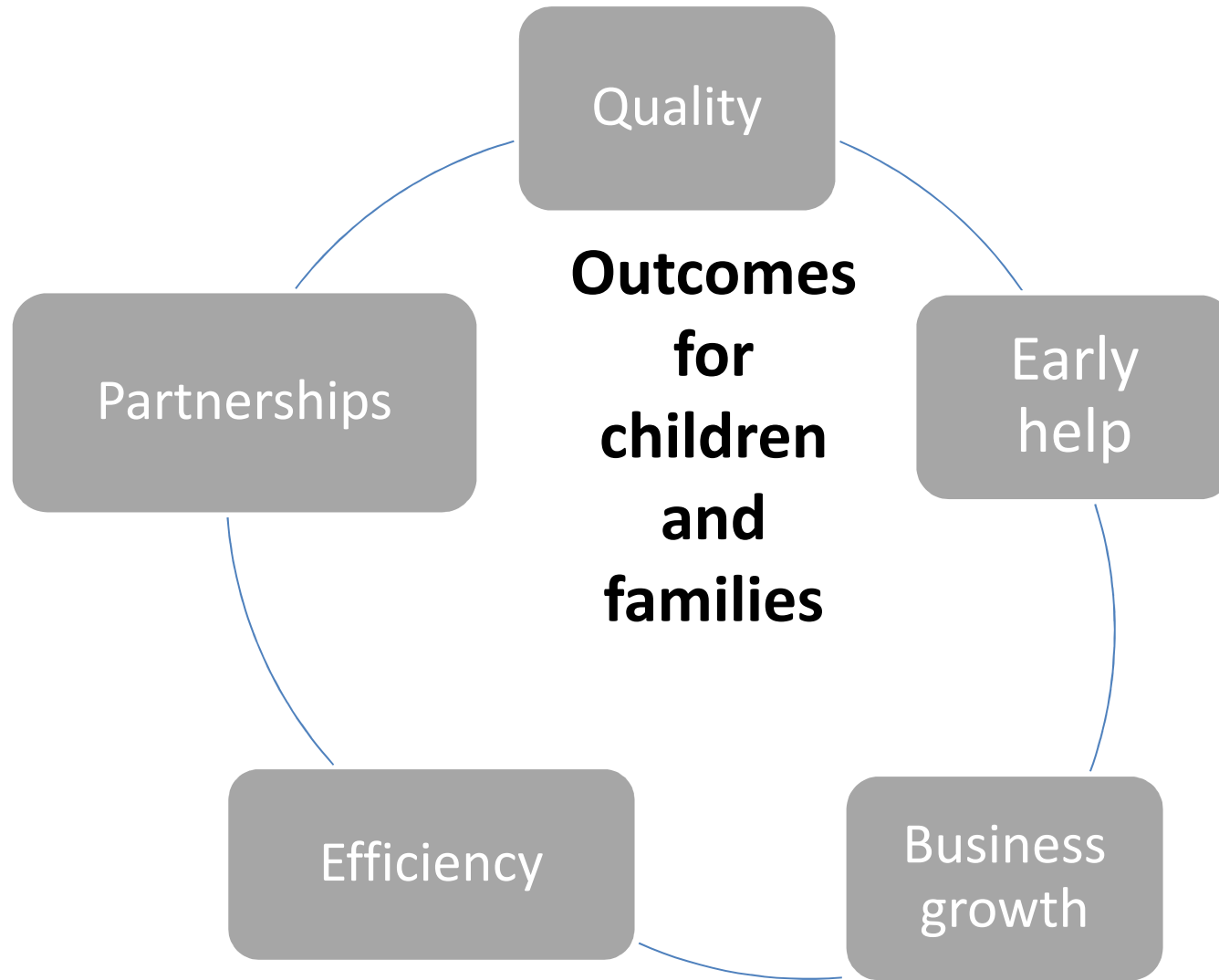
- Education services
- Early help
- Social work and statutory safeguarding services
- Children's homes and post 16 accommodation
- Fostering and adoption services
- Legal, IRO, performance, HR, finance, communications and marketing

Our Values and Culture

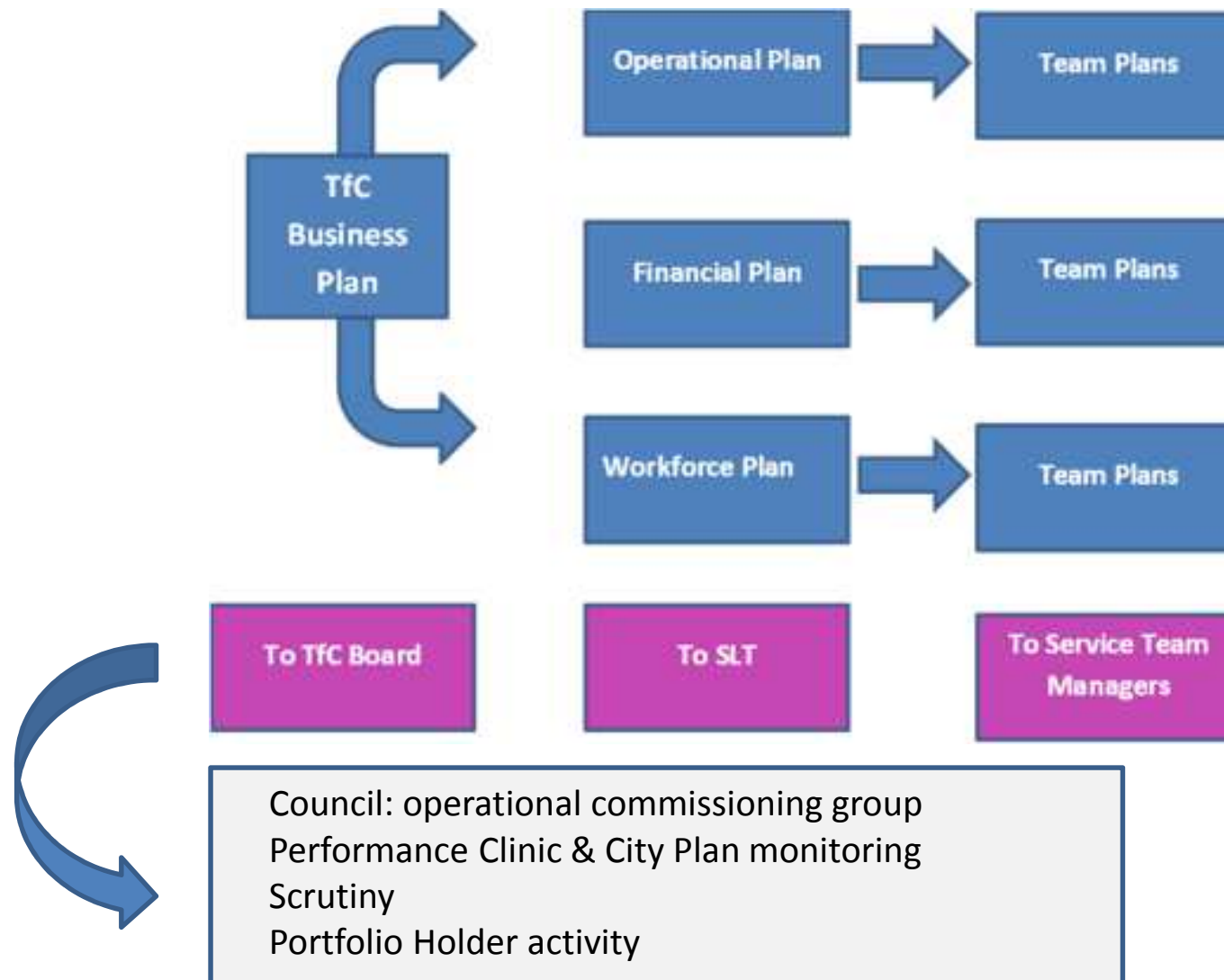
Our work will be characterised by:

- Working with, not doing to
- Excellence and professionalism
- High support and kindness together with high challenge
- Innovation and learning
- A focus on outcomes and effectiveness
- Listening and hearing the voice of the child.

Our Priorities For 2019-2022



Our Hierarchy of Plans



Monitoring and Review Processes



Together for Children Learning and Improvement Plan 2018



Together for Children Deep Dive Audit Report November 2018



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Dear Ms Colbert

Monitoring visit of Sunderland children's services



Integrated Contact and Referral Team Action Plan - S4.10
Updated 1.05.18

No.	Recommendation	Action	Lead	Start/End	Progress	Notes
1	There should be a process in place to ensure that all cases are progressed in a timely manner and that all cases are reviewed in a timely manner.	LP and AS to ensure that all cases are progressed in a timely manner and that all cases are reviewed in a timely manner.	LP	01/04/2018	Discussions have taken place between LP and AS on 24.12 and it has been agreed that this would commence on 24.12	
2	There should be evidence to be incorporated in all aspects of work with ICBT	LP and AS to ensure that all cases are progressed in a timely manner and that all cases are reviewed in a timely manner.	LP	01/04/2018	Discussions have taken place with Laura Fletcher who will ensure this is embedded with her team. To be reviewed in next deep dive audit cycle.	
3	ICBT need to consider all the history within each case taking this in with analysis and outcomes.	LP and AS to ensure that all cases are progressed in a timely manner and that all cases are reviewed in a timely manner.	LP	01/04/2018	Discussions have taken place with Laura Fletcher who will ensure this is embedded with her team. To be reviewed in next deep dive audit cycle.	
4	All contacts need to be made on LCB.	Completed without comment which is not needed for 4	AS	01/04/2018	This is being paid for.	