

Responding to Ofsted's inspection of services for children in need of help and protection, looked after children and care leavers

SUMMARY

- 1.1 In November 2013 Ofsted commenced inspections against a new inspection framework on local authority services for children in need of help and protection; children looked after and care leavers (the 'SIF' inspection).
- 1.2 Derby City was inspected under this framework in March 2017.
- 1.3 The report on the inspection outcome and the proposed improvement plan, which has to be returned to Ofsted and the Department for Education by Wednesday 20 September 2017, is due to be considered by Council Cabinet on Wednesday 6 September.
- 1.4 This report enables the Children and Young People Scrutiny Board an opportunity to consider the Council Cabinet report and make appropriate comments and recommendations to Council Cabinet.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To discuss the report contained within the Council Cabinet agenda for the meeting scheduled for Wednesday 6 September 2017.
- 2.2 To make any appropriate comments or recommendations on the item contained within the Council Cabinet agenda to Council Cabinet for consideration.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Part 2 of the Council's Constitution (Articles of constitution) enables overview and scrutiny boards to scrutinise decisions made or actions taken in connections with the discharge of any council functions and make reports and recommendations to the Council and Council Cabinet.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 The Council Cabinet Agenda will be available for Members to view on the Council's Committee Management Information System (CMIS) by Tuesday 29 August 2017 at the following address:
<https://cmis.derby.gov.uk/cm5/MeetingsCalendar/tabid/73/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/410/Meeting/8708/Committee/1882/Default.aspx>
- 4.2 All authorities are inspected by Ofsted under the framework of services for children in need of help and protection, looked after children and care leavers. The findings of the inspection are a critical test of a Local Authority's strengths and areas for improvement and should be communicated with both internal and external stakeholders to ensure appropriate ownership and commitment to on-going improvement work; delivering the best possible outcomes for children and young people.
- 4.3 A key requirement of the Inspection Handbook is that the 'The local authority submits their improvement plan within 70 working days of the report being published', which is required under regulation 3 of The Education and Inspections Act 2006 (Inspection of Local Authorities) Regulations 2007.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 None.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer Financial officer Human Resources officer Estates/Property officer Service Director(s) Other(s)	David Walsh – Democratic Services Manager
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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 There may be costs associated with recommendations arising from this report. These would need to be determined following agreement by Council Cabinet to implement the Board's recommendations.

Legal

- 2.1 Rule OS21 of the Council's Constitution states that a formal report on scrutiny recommendations will be submitted to the proper officer for consideration by the Council Cabinet or to the Council as appropriate. Rule OS23 states that the Council or Council Cabinet shall consider this within one month of it being submitted.
- 2.2 There may be other legal implications associated with recommendations arising from this report. These would need to be determined following agreement by Council Cabinet to implement the Board's recommendations.

Personnel

- 3.1 There may be personnel implications associated with recommendations arising from this report. These would need to be determined following agreement by Council Cabinet to implement the Board's recommendations.

IT

- 4.1 There may be IT implications associated with recommendations arising from this report. These would need to be determined following agreement by Council Cabinet to implement the Board's recommendations.

Equalities Impact

- 5.1 Effective scrutiny benefits all Derby people and the very nature of the Scrutiny Board's work means that equality issues are addressed.

Health and Safety

- 6.1 There may be health and safety implications associated with recommendations arising from this report. These would need to be determined following agreement by Council Cabinet to implement the Board's recommendations.

Environmental Sustainability

- 7.1 There may be implications associated with recommendations arising from this

report. These would need to be determined following agreement by Council Cabinet to implement the Board's recommendations.

Property and Asset Management

- 8.1 There may be a number of implications associated with recommendations arising from this report. These would need to be determined following agreement by Council Cabinet to implement the Board's recommendations.

Risk Management and Safeguarding

- 9.1 There may be a number of risk implications associated with recommendations arising from this report. These would need to be determined following agreement by Council Cabinet to implement the Board's recommendations.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 10.1 Our aim is to work together so that Derby and its people will enjoy a thriving sustainable economy, good health and well-being and an active cultural life.