

## **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 of local authority services for children in need of help and protection; children looked after and care leavers (the 'SIF' inspection).
- 1.2 To date (Monday 3 July 2017) there have been 150 inspections under the framework, including re-inspections of inadequate authorities, and there had been 136 reports published with most authorities being judged as 'requires improvement'...
  - Outstanding authorities – 2 (1%).
  - Good authorities – 39 (29%).
  - Requires improvement authorities – 62 (46%).
  - Inadequate authorities – 33 (24%).
- 1.3 The framework assesses authorities against three key judgements areas with two sub-judgements under one element of the framework, all of which contribute to an 'overall effectiveness judgement'\*\*. ...
  - The experiences and progress of children who need help and protection.
  - The experiences and progress of children looked after and achieving permanence.
    - Adoption performance.
    - The experiences and progress of care leavers.
  - Leadership, management and governance.
- 1.4 Derby City was inspected, by Ofsted, under this Framework in March 2017 and Derby's final report was published on the [Ofsted website](#) on Tuesday 13 June 2017; with an overall effectiveness grading of 'good' being received.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To note the current position with regards to the SIF inspection programme, as set out in paragraph 1.2.
- 2.2 To note the attached presentation at the meeting on Derby's inspection outcomes; paying particular attention to the recommendations for improvement and outcomes for Derby's looked after children and young people.

## REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 A key judgement area from the SIF inspection is looked after children and young people, with the sub-judgments of adoption and care leavers. It is essential that the Corporate Parenting Committee review the findings from the inspection to identify areas where further work is required and praise good work / key achievements noted through the inspection outcome.

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 None.

## OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 None.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

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<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial and Value for Money**

- 1.1 Any financial implications pertaining to the inspection will be considered through the presentation.

**Legal**

- 2.1 Her Majesty's Inspectors (HMI) carry out the inspections under section 136 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006.

Ofsted conduct inspections under sections 20–23 of the Children Act 2004.

**Personnel**

- 3.1 Workforce development issues are picked up through the evaluation framework for the inspection.

**IT**

- 4.1 None.

**Equalities Impact**

- 5.1 Equality issues are picked up through the evaluation framework for the inspection.

**Health and Safety**

- 6.1 None.

**Environmental Sustainability**

- 7.1 None.

**Property and Asset Management**

- 8.1 None.

**Risk Management and Safeguarding**

- 9.1 Risks associated to inspections are managed as part of the self-assessment process and on-going preparations. Safeguarding is at the centre of the framework with the outcome being an overall external judgement on the effectiveness of Derby City's safeguarding arrangements for Children and Young People in the city.

**Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

- 10.1 The content of this report and supporting presentation underpins the Council pledge of 'safe'.