



AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE

22 March 2023

ITEM 09

Report sponsor: Director of Policy, Insight and Communications
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2022/23 Inspections Update

Purpose

- 1.1 Local authorities are responsible for providing a range of services that are assessed as vital for an area.
- 1.2 As part of the delivery of services, in some areas, regulators have been given the powers to inspect services to determine the overall quality, and whether these are having a positive impact on the lives of people within the local area.
- 1.3 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on external inspections and assessments that have been undertaken of local authority services between April 2022 and March 2023.

Recommendations

- 2.1 To note the inspections completed over the last year, or reports published from inspections carried out at the end of the previous year.
- 2.2 To note the regulatory developments in inspection activities set out in paragraph 4.6.

Reason

- 3.1 The Audit and Governance Committee is a key component of the Council's corporate governance. It provides a high-level focus on the audit, assurance and reporting arrangements that underpin good governance and financial standards; which includes the findings of independent regulators.

Supporting information

- 4.1 The inspections of services delivered by local authorities are undertaken in line with government acts, where regulators will have been given the powers to undertake a review of specific areas of delivery.

- 4.2 In March 2022, Ofsted completed their inspection of Local Authority Children's Services, with the report published in May 2022, with an overall judgement of 'outstanding', with all sub-judgements being maintained or improved compared to the previous inspection...
- The impact of leaders on social work practice with children and families – outstanding
 - The experiences and progress of children who need help and protection - outstanding
 - The experiences and progress of children in care and care leavers – good
- 4.3 The full report is available to read on the Ofsted website - [50183218 \(ofsted.gov.uk\)](https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/reports/all-reports/50183218).
- 4.4 In June 2022, Ofsted undertook an inspection of Derby City's Adult Learning Service, where the overall effectiveness was judged to be 'good', which is a position that has been maintained from the previous inspection. Services were assessed as good across all judgement categories...
- The quality of education - good
 - Behaviour and attitudes - good
 - Personal development - good
 - Leadership and management - good
 - Adult learning programmes – good
 - Apprenticeships – good
- 4.5 The full report is available to read on the Ofsted website - [50190486 \(ofsted.gov.uk\)](https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/reports/all-reports/50190486).
- 4.6 Over the last year, there have also been developments within inspection frameworks for 2023 and beyond, with details presented below:

Inspection framework	Inspectorate(s)	Summary of changes
Inspecting local area arrangements for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).	Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC)	An updated framework has been published, following consultation, which has included the implementation of local area judgments that went live in January 2023. Area SEND inspections: framework and handbook - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Adult Social Care Services	CQC	To commence from 2023/24 onwards - Our approach to assessing local authorities - Care Quality Commission (cqc.org.uk)
Inspection of local authority children's services (ILACS)	Ofsted	A new judgement added to the framework following consultation on leaving care, for all inspections completed from January 2023 onwards. Inspecting local authority children's services from 2018 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

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Regulations and inspections planned for 16/17 unregulated accommodation	Ofsted	Care Planning, Placement and Case Review (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2021, registrations open from April 2023. The Regulations include the Quality Standards for supported accommodation for young people aged 16 or 17, as well as details of the Ofsted-led registration and inspection regime Guide to supported accommodation regulations including Quality Standards (education.gov.uk)

- 4.7 Alongside formal regulated inspections Derby City also participates in regional sector led improvement activities. There were no peer reviews completed in 2022/23.
- 4.8 It should however be noted that Derby Homes have had an independent review of customer standards completed in 2022/23, the findings of which are reported through their governance arrangements.
- 4.9 The aim of this report is to report at a service level and not to report on the inspection outcomes of individual provider services (i.e., maintained schools, Children's Homes and Care Providers), as these are already reported through established routes.
- 4.10 Children's Homes are regulated and inspected by Ofsted as required by the Care Standards Act 2000. Inspections are based on the Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 and Quality Standards. Every Children's Home is inspected at least twice a year, receiving one full and one interim inspection. The outcomes of these are reported to Corporate Parenting Committee.

Public/stakeholder engagement

- 5.1 Engagement of people is coordinated through inspection processes, led by each inspectorate.

Other options

- 6.1 None.

Financial and value for money issues

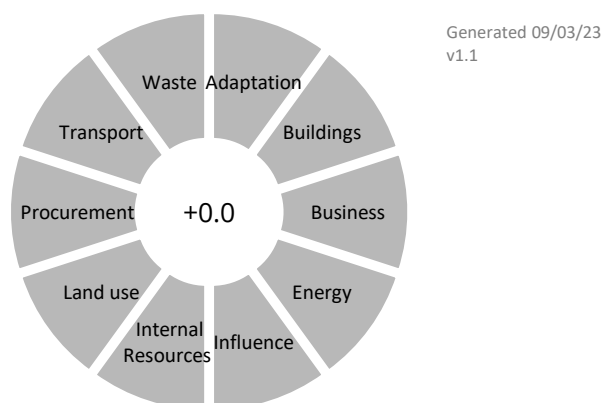
- 7.1 None directly arising from this report.

Legal implications

- 8.1 None directly arising from this report – inspections are carried out under government acts relevant to the service area being reviewed.

Climate implications

- 9.1 None directly arising from this report.



Socio-Economic implications

- 10.1 None directly arising from this report.

Other significant implications

- 11.1 None directly arising from this report.

This report has been approved by the following people:

Role	Name	Date of sign-off
Legal		
Finance		
Service Director(s)	Director Early Help and Children's Social Care	09/03/2023
	Director of Learning, Inclusion and Skills	13/03/2023
Report sponsor	Director of Policy, Insight and Communications	13/03/2023
Other(s)		

Background papers:	None
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