



Derby City Council

Inspiring Young People Board 12 December 2016

Report of the Strategic Director of People
Services

ITEM 8

Single Inspection Framework 'Readiness' – Update December 2016

SUMMARY

- 1.1 In November 2013 Ofsted commenced inspections against a new inspection framework on services for children in need of help and protection; children looked after and care leavers (the 'SIF' inspection).
- 1.2 The SIF inspection programme is due to be completed by December 2017. As of Thursday 10 November 2016, 114 local authorities had been inspected under the SIF framework and 108 reports have been published.
- 1.3 Overall, the largest percentage of authorities inspected under the SIF have been judged to be 'requires improvement' however it should be noted that 60% of 'requiring improvement authorities' have at least one area of 'good practice'.
- 1.4 Service leads within People Services continue to review local arrangements for 'inspection readiness' alongside priorities for improvement linked to the judgement criteria of the inspection framework. Derby City's self-assessment is updated on an on-going basis with key activities such as 'mocksted', an unannounced local inspection in April 2016, informing a robust view of where strengths and priorities for improvement are.
- 1.5 Andy Smith –Strategic Director for People Services and Sarah Walker – Policy and Improvement Manager will attend the meeting to give Members a presentation on Derby's current strengths and areas for improvement in line with the inspection framework.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To note the current national position with regards to the SIF inspection programme, as set out in paragraph 1.2.
- 2.2 To receive the presentation at the meeting on Derby's current self-assessment.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Ofsted are inspecting all local authorities under the framework. Making sure that staff and members are briefed on the requirements of the framework and current strengths

and areas of risk are critical to making sure that a 'good' outcome can be achieved.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 Inspiring Young People's Board have previously received a number of updates on the SIF framework including; national outcomes and progress in local inspection readiness (April 2014, October 2014 and September 2015). Further to this, the Chair hosted a Performance Surgery on assessing progress from the locally run 'mocksted' inspection in November 2016.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 None.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

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IMPLICATIONS

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.

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- 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'.