

COUNCIL CABINET

13 July 2022

Minute Extract

45/22 Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services

The Council Cabinet considered a report which stated that in November 2017, Ofsted published their framework for the inspection of local authority children's services (ILACS), with inspections commencing in 2018.

These inspections focused on the effectiveness of local authority services and arrangements:

- to help and protect children.
- the experiences and progress of children in care wherever they live, including those children who returned home.
- the arrangements for permanence for children who were looked after, including adoption.
- the experiences and progress of care leavers.

Derby's services for children and young people were inspected in March 2022, and the report presented the outcomes of the inspection.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved:

1. to welcome this report and the fact that our Children's Services had got an Outstanding Ofsted inspection and to thank the hard work and the dedication of the officers in delivering this and that they should be applauded and celebrated in their success; and
2. to add its thanks to the Leader, the relevant Cabinet Member, the Chief Executive and the relevant Director.

Decision

1. To note the inspection findings presented in paragraph 4.4, with the full letter available at Appendix 1 of the report.
2. To note that an improvement plan in response to any areas identified for development would be submitted to Ofsted by 19 August 2022, in line with the principles within the inspection guidance.
3. To refer the report to the Audit and Governance Committee, to reflect on under their function *"to consider reports from external regulators (e.g. OFSTED, Care Quality Commission, Local Government Ombudsman) that impact on the Committee's areas of responsibility."*
4. To welcome the recommendations of the Executive Scrutiny Board.