



Derby City Council

**Children and Young People's Board**  
**22 April 2014**

# ITEM 8

Report of the Strategic Director of Children and Young People

## **Inspection of services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers**

### **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.
- 1.2 The inspection framework was published in September 2013 (revised in November 2013) and replaced a number of established / interim inspection frameworks for Children's Services...
  - Child Protection (interim framework introduced in April 2012 to replace the Safeguarding and Looked After Children inspection framework).
  - Adoption (established framework that was last revised in 2012).
  - Fostering (established framework that was last revised in 2012).
- 1.3 In addition to pulling a number of existing frameworks together the 'single' social care inspection framework also includes the introduction of an independent review of the Local Safeguarding Children Board.
- 1.4 Andrew Bunyan, Strategic Director for Children and Young People's Services and Sarah Walker, Improvement Partner for Children and Young People's Services will attend the meeting to give a presentation on the new framework.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 To note the report.
- 2.2 To receive the presentation at the meeting.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 Ofsted will inspect all local authorities on a three-year cycle under the new framework. Making sure that staff and members are briefed on the requirements of the framework and the associated judgement areas is critical to Derby's preparations and a 'good' outcome.

- 3.2 The inspection framework will also assess whether Derby is meeting its' corporate parenting responsibilities and member awareness of this is essential.

<b>SUPPORTING INFORMATION</b>
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- 4.1 None.

<b>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED</b>
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- 5.1 None

**This report has been approved by the following officers:**

<b>Legal officer</b> <b>Financial officer</b> <b>Human Resources officer</b> <b>Estates/Property officer</b> <b>Service Director(s)</b> <b>Other(s)</b>	Andrew Bunyan
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<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial and Value for Money**

- 1.1 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 frameworks for inspections.

**Equalities Impact**

- 4.1 Equality and diversity issues are picked up through the evaluation framework for the inspections.

**Health and Safety**

- 5.1 None.

**Environmental Sustainability**

- 6.1 None.

**Property and Asset Management**

- 7.1 None.

**Risk Management**

- 8.1 Risks associated to inspections are managed as part of the self-assessment process and on-going preparations.

**Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

- 9.1 Meeting the requirements of the inspection framework will support improved outcomes for children, young people and their families / carers in Derby and this directly correlates to one of Council's key priorities...
- Better outcomes for our communities
    - To keep our residents and communities safe
    - To promote good health and well-being and prevent ill health

