



Derby City Council

INSPIRING YOUNG PEOPLE BOARD
21 September 2015

ITEM 4

Report of the Acting Strategic Director of
Children and Young People's Services

Inspection of services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers – Update

SUMMARY

- 1.1 In October 2014 Andrew Bunyan, Strategic Director for Children and Young People's Services and Sarah Walker, Improvement Partner for Children and Young People's Services attended the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Board to present an update to Members on the single social care inspection framework (SIF).
- 1.2 The framework was first introduced in November 2013 and at the end of June 2015 59 reports had been published for authorities inspected under the framework, with the largest proportion being judged as 'requires improvement'...
 - Inadequate – 14 out of 59 authorities (24%).
 - Requires improvement – 31 out of 59 (52%).
 - Good – 14 out of 59 (24%).No authority has yet been judged as outstanding.
- 1.3 The supporting guidance against which Ofsted carry out this inspection, 'The Inspector's Handbook' was first published in December 2013 and presents Local Authority's with a guide on what to expect during the inspection period alongside a list of requirements. Ofsted published an updated guide in December 2014 and a third amendment in June 2015.
- 1.4 The latest edition of the Handbook, June 2015, presents a number of key changes to the framework, which Scrutiny need to be aware of...
 - Inspectors will arrive on a Monday instead of a Tuesday.
 - There will be eight inspectors rather than seven.
 - Inspection activity will be concentrated from a Tuesday to a Thursday over the four-week period.
 - There is a greater focus on engagement and making sure that the voice of the child is present in the evaluation of services and specifically cases tracked.
 - There are additional evidence requirements and changes to the child-level data requested as part of the inspection.
 - The judgement meeting is now termed an 'Improvement Meeting'.
 - Local authorities will now also be judged against their arrangements for PREVENT alongside other issues including; female genital mutilation.

- 1.5 Service leads within Children's and Young People's 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 was last updated in January 2015 and is subject to regular scrutiny through the 'Inspection Review Group' and the service-led 'Children and Young People's Improvement Board'.
- 1.6 Alongside changes to the SIF Ofsted also went out to consultation in August 2015 on a proposal for multi-agency inspections of services for children in need and protection and safeguarding. It is anticipated, subject to the responses to the consultation, that inspections under this framework will commence in October 2015. It should be noted that not all authorities will be inspected against this proposed framework.
- 1.7 Andy Smith – Acting Strategic Director for Children and Young People's Services and Sarah Walker – Policy and Improvement Manager will attend the meeting to give Members a presentation on the changes to the SIF inspection framework published in the latest Handbook, proposals for the multi-agency framework and an update of Derby's overall inspection readiness for both frameworks.

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.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 None.

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 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.

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- 4.1 None.

Equalities Impact

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

Health and Safety

- 6.1 None.

Environmental Sustainability

- 7.1 None.

Property and Asset Management

- 8.1 None.

Risk Management

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

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 10.1 The content of this report and supporting presentation underpins the priority commitment of 'safeguarding vulnerable children and young people and adults' under the Council pledge of 'safe'.