

Inspection of Services for Children in Need of Help and Protection, Looked After Children and Care Leavers

SUMMARY

- 1.1 In November 2013 Ofsted commenced inspections against a new inspection framework on local authority services for children in need of help and protection; children looked after and care leavers (the 'SIF' inspection).
- 1.2 To date (7 June 2017) there have been 142 authorities inspected under the framework and as at the end of April 2017 (last publication date) there had been 129 reports published with most authorities being judged as 'requires improvement'...
 - Outstanding authorities – 2 (2%).
 - Good authorities – 35 (27%).
 - Requires improvement authorities – 60 (47%).
 - Inadequate authorities – 32 (25%).
- 1.3 The framework assesses authorities against three key judgements areas with two sub-judgements under one element of the framework, all of which contribute to an 'overall effectiveness judgement'**...
 - The experiences and progress of children who need help and protection.
 - The experiences and progress of children looked after and achieving permanence.
 - Adoption performance.
 - The experiences and progress of care leavers.
 - Leadership, management and governance.
- 1.4 Derby City was inspected, by Ofsted, under this Framework in April 2017 and Derby's final report is scheduled to be published on the [Ofsted website](#) on Tuesday 13 June 2017.
- 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 the outcomes of Derby's inspection.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To note the current 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 inspection outcomes; paying particular attention to the recommendations for improvement.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It was agreed at the Mocksted Performance Surgery in November 2016 that an update would be presented to Inspiring Young People Board, in April 2017, on further progress made in priority areas. The inspection outcomes address this recommendation and sets out clear recommendations for improvement priorities going forward.

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 inspections readiness (April 2014, October 2014, September 2015 and December 2016). 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'.