

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting15th February 2018

1. Title of Item/Report

Children's Services Performance Update Q3 (Oct - Dec)

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report that provided a summary of performance across Children's Services. It was based on the Children's Strategy priorities agreed by Cabinet in June 2017.

The report summarised performance information in relation to the Children's Services Strategy 2017-20. The strategy, agreed by Cabinet in June 2017, set out the key priorities for Children's services, and the key performance indicators associated with delivery.

The update report was in two parts:

- a. Update on the 2017/18 priorities
- b. Update on other actions and progress against the wider strategy, including key performance measures

With regard to focusing on schools and learning outcomes the key areas of update for this priority included the latest data on Ofsted rankings as at end December:

Primary

- % pupils attending a school with Good or Outstanding: 94.2%
- % schools with Good or Outstanding: 94.9%

Secondary

- % pupils attending a school with Good or Outstanding: 92.5%
- % schools with Good or Outstanding: 92.3%

With regard to safeguarding and protecting vulnerable children and young people, backed by outstanding social work practice key highlights included:

- a. The continuing successful rollout of Signs of Safety approaches to create better support plans, with greater family engagement.
- b. The number of children on child protection plans had continued to remain at a much lower level than in March 2017, down from 307 to 240 at the end of December.
- c. The recent Joint Targeted Area Inspection process had identified a number of areas of specific focus:
 - i. Quality of plans and supervision
 - ii. The production of chronologies, and in particular multi-agency chronologies when working with children and young people experiencing neglect.
 - iii. Capacity issues in the Children's hub, especially for Cleveland Police and North Tees and Hartlepool Foundation Trust.

Quarter 4 would see:

- The completion of the mobilisation period for the new 0-19 services and family hubs
- The completion of the first stages of the early help review
- The development of a detailed multi agency response to the findings of the Joint Targeted Area Inspection
- Further evidence gathering around the review of inclusion
- A further report on the reshaping of the Council's education role

RESOLVED that the report be noted, and in particular the achievements around:

1. The continued performance in respect of schools.
2. The continued performance and outcomes from inspection for children's homes.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To ensure that members are aware of progress and issues in the delivery of the Children's Services strategy 2017-20.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None.

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None.

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight, 23 February 2018

Proper Officer
19 February 2018