

DECISION-MAKER:	CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SCRUTINY PANEL
SUBJECT:	CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - PERFORMANCE
DATE OF DECISION:	1 OCTOBER 2020
REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR – LEGAL AND BUSINESS OPERATIONS

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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY	
None	
BRIEF SUMMARY	
Attached as Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 are the key data sets for Children and Families up to the end of August 2020. At the meeting the Cabinet Member and senior managers from Children and Families will be providing the Panel with an overview of performance across the division since July 2020.	
RECOMMENDATIONS:	
(i)	That the Panel consider and challenge the performance of Children and Family Services in Southampton
REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS	
1.	To enable effective scrutiny of children and family services in Southampton.
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED	
2.	None.
DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)	
3.	To enable the Panel to undertake their role effectively members will be provided with appropriate performance information on a monthly basis and an explanation of the measures.
4.	Performance information up to 31 August 2020 is attached in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2, and an overview of performance is attached as Appendix 3. An explanation of the significant variations in performance will be provided at the meeting.
5.	The Cabinet Member for Children and Learning, and representatives from the Children and Families Senior Management Team, have been invited to attend the meeting to provide the performance overview.
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	

<u>Capital/Revenue/Property/Other</u>	
6.	<p>None directly as a result of this report. However, the performance overview, attached as Appendix 3, identifies that some aspects of positive performance exist due to non-budgeted posts, notably the timeliness of assessment which is a critical performance indicator.</p> <p>The high numbers of looked after children do create budgetary pressures on the service. This needs a systemic response to support caseload reduction and therefore greater capacity to work to reduce risk in the community, to avoid the need for children to become looked after.</p>
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>	
7.	The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Part 1A Section 9 of the Local Government Act 2000.
<u>Other Legal Implications:</u>	
8.	None
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	
9.	None
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS	
10.	<p>The Corporate Plan 2020 sets out the following regarding the wellbeing of children in the city:</p> <p>“Working with partners to deliver the ambitions set out in the five-year Health and Wellbeing Strategy, this area looks at wellbeing across the city, with a focus on adults and children’s social care, education and public health. We work closely with partners to help safeguard vulnerable people across the city. We are focused on delivering strong customer experience across the Adults and Children & Families services. We want Southampton to be a city that is recognised for its proactive approach to preventing problems and intervening early, as well being a ‘Child Friendly City’ where children and young people have great opportunities and an aspiration to achieve. We want our residents to have the information and support they need to lead safe, active, healthy lives and to be able to live independently for longer.”</p>

KEY DECISION?	No
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WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	None
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices	
1.	Children and Families Monthly Dataset – August 2020
2.	Early Help Dataset – August 2020
3.	Performance overview
4.	Glossary of terms

Documents In Members’ Rooms	
1.	None

Equality Impact Assessment		
Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out.		No
Data Protection Impact Assessment		
Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out.		No
Other Background Documents		
Other Background documents available for inspection at:		
Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)	
1.	None	