

Children and Families Scrutiny Panel

Scrutiny Monitoring – 3 December 2020

Date	Title	Action proposed	Action Taken	Progress Status
01/10/20	Children's Services Improvement Plan	1) That a recommended dataset to enable the Scrutiny Panel to monitor progress in the delivery of the Improvement Plan is presented to the Panel at the December meeting.	The improvement report produced for the November 2020 Improvement Board has been shared with Scrutiny Panel in December 2020. The report identifies the critical performance and improvement themes and contains the draft data set which is being developed to monitor the plan. The full data set will be complete by the January 2021 improvement board.	
		2) That the 'Line of Sight' document that is in development is considered at the December meeting of the Panel.	The improvement report produced for the November 2020 Improvement Board has been shared with Scrutiny Panel in December 2020. The report identifies the critical performance and improvement themes and contains the draft data set which is being developed to monitor the plan. The full data set will be complete by the January 2021 improvement board.	
		3) That, if available, the feedback from Ofsted is shared with the Panel at, or before, the next meeting of the Panel.	There has been no formal feedback from Ofsted. The service was notified of a focused visit under the revised Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services (ILACS) inspection framework in October 2020. However, this has been postponed to 2021 (date unconfirmed) due to the lockdown.	
01/10/20	Children's Services Performance	1) That the planned threshold review is considered at a future meeting of the Panel.	The threshold review is underway and a date for presentation to the panel will be recommended.	
		2) That, in line with recommendation 1 above, consideration be given to including measures of quality, caseloads and supervision within the performance dataset to be discussed at the December meeting of the Panel.	Reference improvement report provided; pages 4, 13, 14.	
01/10/20	Educational Attainment	1) That, reflecting concerns relating to sustainability of provision, the Panel are kept apprised of significant developments with regards to Key Stage 5 settings in the city.	There are ongoing plans that are still in the very early stages of development involving other local post-16 institutions. Discussions are at an early stage, but progress has the potential of being rapid once there is agreement. Meetings are taking place and the LA is being briefed by the DfE/ESFA, but currently no face to face meeting have taken place with those involved in these proposals. The DfE have asked that the	

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			institutions involved with these proposals are kept confidential until further discussions have taken place.	
01/10/20	Recruitment of In-House Foster Carers	1) That consideration be given to providing full time funding for the proposed specialist foster carers.	The funding for specialist foster carers sits within the overall fostering recruitment budget and therefore provides the service with the capacity to grow the specialist offer.	
		2) That examples of the feedback provided by enquirers who did not progress to become foster carers is circulated to the Panel.	Recommendation that this is rescheduled as part of a broader fostering discussion.	