

DECISION-MAKER:	CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SCRUTINY PANEL
SUBJECT:	CHILDREN AND LEARNING - PERFORMANCE
DATE OF DECISION:	11 FEBRUARY 2021
REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR – LEGAL AND BUSINESS OPERATIONS

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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

None

BRIEF SUMMARY

Attached as Appendix 1 are the key data sets for Children and Learning up to the end of December 2020. At the meeting the Cabinet Member and senior managers from Children and Learning will be providing the Panel with an overview of performance across the division since November 2020.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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| | (i) | That the Panel consider and challenge the performance of Children and Learning Services in Southampton. |
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REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

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| 1. | To enable effective scrutiny of Children and Learning Services in Southampton. |
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ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

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| 2. | None. |
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DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

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| 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 December 2020 is attached in Appendix 1. An explanation of the significant variations in performance will be provided at the meeting. |
| 5. | At the July 2020 meeting of the Panel a request was made to include within the dataset an indicator measuring the number of looked after children in residential care placements. The position up to the week commencing 16 th January 2021 is as follows: |

	Month Beginning										Weekly	
	3rd April 2020	1st May 2020	5th June 2020	3rd July 2020	7th Aug 2020	4th Sept 2020	2nd Oct 2020	6th Nov 2020	4th Dec 2020	1st Jan 2021	8th Jan	15th Jan
	39	38	40	39	43	43	45	46	47	46	46	46
Children in Residential Care Placements												
6.	The Cabinet Member, and representatives from the Children and Learning Senior Management Team, have been invited to attend the meeting to provide the performance overview.											
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS												
<u>Capital/Revenue/Property/Other</u>												
7.	None directly as a result of this report.											
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS												
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>												
8.	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>												
9.	None											
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS												
10.	None											
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS												
11.	<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
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	None
<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>	
Appendices	
1.	Children and Families Monthly Dataset – December 2020
2.	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	