

# Children and Families Scrutiny Panel

Scrutiny Monitoring – 25 March 2021

Date	Title	Action proposed	Action Taken	Progress Status
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. It is recommended that a date for presentation to panel is confirmed after end-March 2021	Recommend review in June 2021
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.	Recommend review in June 2021
		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.	Recommend review in June 2021
11/02/21	Children's Services Vision and Strategy	1) That, at a future meeting of the Panel, analysis is presented identifying how many children's files, from a sample of cases, include the 'Southampton 5'- things we should see on every child's file as identified in the Practice Framework.	Southampton 5 and practice guidance documents were launched in the March 2021 practice week. The Service Practice Framework and Academy will launch in May 2021.  The service recommends that there should be a further presentation on the quality of practice after October 21.	Recommend review in October 2021
		2) That the Executive Director gives consideration to how training for foster carers can be reflected in the development of the Workforce Academy.	The first academy steering group met on 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2021. The Fostering and Adoption Service Manager is a member of the group and this will support the development of the foster carer strand of the academy.	Complete
		3) That members of the Scrutiny Panel are invited to the 9 March 2021 workshop / seminar on becoming a Child Friendly City.	Members of the Panel were invited to the workshop on 9 <sup>th</sup> March. The session was attended by over 50 colleagues and partners and the feedback will be used to inform the Children and Young People strategy and Child Friendly City developments.	Complete
11/02/21	Improvement Plan	1) That the Executive Director reflects on the use of the term 'things to do better' when referring to service areas, practice and outcomes that require improvement.	The term has been changed to 'Areas for Improvement'.	Complete