

<b>Report to:</b>	Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Children's Services and Safeguarding)	<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	Tuesday 26 September 2017
<b>Subject:</b>	Updated Children's Social Care Improvement Plan		
<b>Report of:</b>	Head of Children's Social Care	<b>Wards Affected:</b>	(All Wards);
<b>Portfolio:</b>	Children , Schools and Safeguarding		
<b>Is this a Key Decision:</b>	No	<b>Included in Forward Plan:</b>	Yes
<b>Exempt / Confidential Report:</b>	No		

### Summary:

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An action plan was developed that addressed the 11 recommendations made in that report and this was submitted to Ofsted in October 2016.

The plan has now been reviewed and updated to focus on current priorities and ensure that the service continues to improve to ensure that all services provided to children are good or better and improve their outcomes.

### Recommendation(s):

- (1) Committee endorsed the new action plan and priorities for continuous improvement.
- (2) Committee continues to receive 6 monthly progress reports with the performance scorecard that underpins the action plan.

### Reasons for the Recommendation(s):

Over view and Scrutiny Committee have a key role in the governance of the plan to ensure that actions are progressed and the service continues to improve.

### Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: (including any Risk Implications)

N/A

**What will it cost and how will it be financed?**

**(A) Revenue Costs**

**(B) Capital Costs**

**Implications of the Proposals:**

<b>Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets):</b>
<b>Legal Implications:</b>
<b>Equality Implications:</b> There are no equality implications

**Contribution to the Council's Core Purpose:**

Protect the most vulnerable: This is a core function of the service who provide statutory social work services to children and young people including those in need of help and protection, looked after and care leavers.
Facilitate confident and resilient communities: Ensuring children are safeguarded improves their life chances and supports them to become successful adults.
Commission, broker and provide core services: The service provides statutory social work services to vulnerable children.
Place – leadership and influencer: N/A
Drivers of change and reform: N/A
Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity: Protecting vulnerable children supports them to achieve and attain and increase their chances of becoming successful adults.
Greater income for social investment: N/A
Cleaner Greener N/A

## **What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?**

### **(A) Internal Consultations**

The Head of Corporate Resources (FD.4860/17) and Head of Regulation and Compliance (LD.4144/17) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

### **(B) External Consultations**

## **Implementation Date for the Decision**

Immediately following the Committee.

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## **Appendices:**

The following appendices are attached to this report:

Children Social care Improvement Plan

## **Background Papers:**

There are no background papers available for inspection.

## **1. Introduction/Background**

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The updated plan is available for committee to provide them with an opportunity to comment on the plan, the actions and priorities.

Progress reports and the performance scorecard that underpins the plan will continue to be brought to committee on a six monthly basis.