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| Report to: | Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Children's Services and Safeguarding) | Date of Meeting: | Tuesday 10 July 2018 |
| Subject: | Children's Social Care Annual Report | | |
| Report of: | Director of Social Care and Health | Wards Affected: | (All Wards); |
| Portfolio: | Lead Member for Children, schools and Safeguarding | | |
| Is this a Key Decision: | No | Included in Forward Plan: | Yes |
| Exempt / Confidential Report: | No | | |

Summary:

This report is a summary of the progress in relation to the Children's Social Care Improvement Plan 2017 /18 and should be considered alongside the performance scorecard data.

The Plan identified three key objectives:

1. Ensure frontline practice is consistently good, effective and focussed on timely, measurable outcomes for children.
2. To improve management oversight at all levels to ensure effective services for children and young people receive good quality supervision
3. Ensure that frontline services are sufficiently resourced and the workforce appropriately skilled to enable high quality work to be undertaken with children and young people.

Recommendation(s):

(1) That Overview and Scrutiny Committee continue to receive bi-annual reports updated performance scorecards.

(2) That Overview and Scrutiny Committee receive the reviewed and refreshed version of the Children's Social Care Improvement Plan at the September Meeting

Reasons for the Recommendation(s):

Overview and scrutiny committee have an important role in receiving and scrutinising performance data to assure themselves of the effectiveness of Children's Social Care.

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

N / A

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs

There are no revenue costs arising as a direct result of this report which is provided for information.

(B) Capital Costs

Implications of the Proposals:

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| Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets): |
| Legal Implications: |
| Equality Implications: There are no equality implications |

Contribution to the Council's Core Purpose:

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| Protect the most vulnerable: Children's Social Care have a statutory duty to protect the most vulnerable. |
| Facilitate confident and resilient communities: Children's social care work with children and their families to improve outcomes for children |
| Commission, broker and provide core services: Children's social care work in partnership with a range of organisations to ensure vulnerable children are safeguarded. |
| Place – leadership and influencer: The scrutiny of Children's social care performance supports the aspiration for all services to children to be good or better. |
| Drivers of change and reform: There has been significant focus on driving up standards of practice and linking and |

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| aligning resources with the framework for change |
| Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity: Improving outcomes for our most vulnerable children will support them to have aspirations and obtain economic independence. |
| 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 5206/18) and Head of Regulation and Compliance (LD 4430/18) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

(B) External Consultations

Implementation Date for the Decision

Immediately following the Committee / Council meeting.

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Appendices:

The following appendices are attached to this report:

Children's Social Care Annual Report
Annual performance score card

Background Papers:

There are no background papers available for inspection.

