

Children's Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Report subject	Children's Services Learning and Improvement Plan – Establishment of Working Group
Meeting date	30 June 2020
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	<p>The children's overview and scrutiny committee requested the ability to understand the key elements of the children's services Learning and Improvement plan.</p> <p>To support this an overview of the Learning and Improvement Plan will be presented in Appendix 2.</p> <p>It is further purposed to the Children's Overview and Scrutiny committee that the most effective way to oversee and scrutinise the progress of the Learning and Improvement Plan is through a dedicated working group.</p> <p>A draft Terms of Reference for a working group are attached for consideration, Appendix 1.</p>
Recommendations	It is RECOMMENDED that a working group of the children's overview and scrutiny committee be established to oversee the progress and impact of the Learning and Improvement Plan.
Reason for recommendations	<p>In line with the council vision to ensure that we care for our children and young people, provide a nurturing environment high quality education and great opportunities to grow and flourish, BCP Council established a children's overview and scrutiny committee to support and challenge the delivery of statutory children's services through the delivery of the Learning and Improvement Plan.</p> <p>The Committee requested the ability to scrutinise the Learning and Improvement Plan and a working group of the committee will enable this scrutiny and oversight to occur.</p>

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Classification	For Information

Background

- Each of the three preceding councils with responsibility for the provision of Children’s Services were found to be overall requiring improvement, with leadership and management in one of the councils judged to be inadequate and as a consequence the Council has put in place a Learning and Improvement Plan for Children’s Services.
- An overview of the Plan is appended to this report at Appendix 2.

Establishment of Working Group

- It is critical that the Council has oversight of the plan to ensure that the learning and improvements to be put in place are closely monitored and kept on track, and the proposed working group is a mechanism through which the council can achieve this.
- This report therefore seeks the establishment of a Working Group to oversee the progress and impact of the Learning and Development Plan.
- The Committee is asked to consider the membership and meeting arrangements for the Working Group.

Summary of financial implications

- None

Summary of legal implications

- None

Summary of human resources implications

- None

Summary of environmental impact

- None

Summary of public health implications

- The most disadvantaged children in a community are forecast to experience health inequalities in later life. Supporting improved child level outcomes, through the provision of quality, targeted interventions seeks to address the inequalities in later life.

Summary of equality implications

- The most disadvantaged children in a community are forecast to experience a range of inequalities in later life. Supporting improved child level outcomes, through the provision of quality, targeted interventions seeks to address the inequalities in later life.

Summary of risk assessment

12. Establishing a working group to enable a stronger understanding and scrutiny of the key improvement plan, seeks to address the issues of risk that exist in the changing system post LGR, where areas for improvement have been identified.

Background papers

Published works

Appendices

Appendix 1 = Draft Terms of Reference

Appendix 2 = Overview of Learning and Improvement Plan