

Children's Service Quarter 3 Performance 2019/20

Reasons for the Report

1. The Director of Social Services will introduce and present the Quarter 3 performance report for Children's services. This report will enable the Committee to assess the progress being made in improving outcomes for children in need and children being looked after.

Background

2. The Committee undertakes a review of the performance of children's services on a quarterly basis. A new format of reporting was started last year following discussions with Director of Social Services, scrutiny officer and Members.

Issue – performance reporting

3. The ongoing development of the Cardiff Performance Management Framework has brought into line the monitoring and evaluation of progress against commitments set out in the Corporate Plan and the performance indicators set to assist in the understanding of the overall performance position of the Council. This range of performance data relating to Children's Services is contained in **Appendix A** to this report.
4. The performance report for the performance during quarter 3, October - December, attached at **Appendix A**, has been constructed to highlight areas which are working well, what the directorate is worried about and what the directorate needs to do in delivering the Strategic Directorate priorities, associated performance indicators, and commentaries

Scope of Scrutiny

5. The scope of the scrutiny of this report is for the Committee Members to review the information provided to the Committee and to provide any comments, concerns or recommendations to the Cabinet Member or Director of Social Services.

Way Forward

6. At the meeting Councillor Graham Hinchey (Cabinet Member for Children and Families), Claire Marchant (Director of Social Services) and Deborah Driffield, (Interim Assistant Director of Social Service Children's Services) will be in attendance to make a presentation and answer any questions Members may wish to ask.
7. Members may wish to review the information presented at the meeting and determine whether there are any comments, concerns or recommendations which they would like to pass on to the Cabinet Member or Director of Social Services.

Financial Implications

8. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. However, financial implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. These financial implications will need to be considered before any changes are implemented.

Legal Implications

9. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct legal implications. However, legal implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any legal implications arising from those recommendations. All decisions taken by or on behalf of the Council must (a) be within the legal powers of the Council; (b) comply with any procedural requirement imposed by law; (c) be within the powers of the body or person exercising powers on behalf of the Council; (d) be undertaken in accordance with the procedural requirements imposed by the Council e.g. Scrutiny Procedure Rules; (e) be fully and properly informed; (f) be properly motivated; (g) be taken having regard to the Council's fiduciary duty to its taxpayers; and (h) be reasonable and proper in all the circumstances.

Recommendation

The Committee is recommended to review the information provided in the report, appendix and at the meeting and provide any comments, concerns or recommendations to the Cabinet Member and Director of Social Services.

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