

Record of Decisions

Children's Services Improvement Plan - Six month update October 2017

Decision Taker

Mayor on 09 October 2017

Decision

The Joint Commissioning Team Policy Development and Decision Group is asked to note the progress to date as set out in the Improvement Plan (Version 21) and agree to receive updates on a regular basis.

Reason for the Decision

To monitor progress against the recommendations made in Ofsted's January 2016 report.

Implementation

The decision will come into force and may be implemented on Tuesday, 24 October 2017 unless the call-in process is triggered (as set out in Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

The Director of Children's Services presented the submitted report and drew members' attention to the most recent monitoring letter from Ofsted. In particular, the most recent monitoring visit looked at the Care Leavers' services and concluded that improvements in their arrangements had not kept pace with that in other areas. Ofsted also highlighted concerns at the Council's wider role as a Corporate Parent.

It was noted a detailed planning and oversight tool had been developed to monitor progress against the recommendations made in their January 2016 report. The improvement plan remains a dynamic document and was subject to regular review by the Children's Improvement Board, Children's Services and Corporate Leadership Teams and Executive Member. The plan had recently been revised to distinguish between completed and outstanding actions in order to ensure a tight focus.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

None

Is this a Key Decision?

No

Does the call-in procedure apply?

Yes

Declarations of interest (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the

Standards Committee)

None

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Signed: _____
Mayor of Torbay

Date: _____