

**Meeting:** Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Board

**Date:** 27 03 2023

**Wards affected:** All

**Report Title:** Children's Services Self Assessment

**When does the decision need to be implemented?** N/A

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## 1. Purpose of Report

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1.1 This paper has been prepared to provide members of the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Board with an update on the Ofsted Annual Engagement Meeting and the associated Self Evaluation Framework Submission.

## 2. Reason for Proposal and its Benefits

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2.1 Torbay Council Children's Services are monitored under the 'Inspecting Local Authority Children's Services' (ILACS) framework.

2.2 As part of this framework the following activities are undertaken:

- local authorities sharing an annual self-evaluation (SEF) of the quality and impact of social work practice;
- an annual engagement meeting between our regional representatives and the local authority to review the self-evaluation and to reflect on what is happening in the local authority and inform how they would engage with each other in future.

2.3 This self-evaluation will, in line with the child's journey, outline how Children's Services work effectively in partnership to protect and keep children safe, promote their wellbeing and meet their needs. As part of our commitment to view need in its most holistic sense, and in line

with our vision of becoming a 'One Children's Service', this self-assessment considers both social care and education, and the impact of both services on the outcomes for children.

### 3. Recommendation(s) / Proposed Decision

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- 3.1. Members of the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Board note the contents of the report.

#### **Appendices**

Appendix 1: Torbay Children's Services Self Assessment

Appendix 2: Children's Services Annual Conversation Briefing

#### **Background Documents**

N/A

## Supporting Information

### 1. Introduction

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1.1 Please see appendix 1.

### 2. Options under consideration

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2.1 N/A

### 3. Financial Opportunities and Implications

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3.1 N/A

### 4. Legal Implications

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4.1 N/A

### 5. Engagement and Consultation

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5.1 N/A

### 6. Purchasing or Hiring of Goods and/or Services

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6.1 N/A

### 7. Tackling Climate Change

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7.1 N/A

### 8. Associated Risks

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8.1 N/A

### 9. Equality Impacts - Identify the potential positive and negative impacts on specific groups

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	Positive Impact	Negative Impact & Mitigating Actions	Neutral Impact
Older or younger people			No differential impact

People with caring Responsibilities			No differential impact
People with a disability			No differential impact
Women or men			No differential impact
People who are black or from a minority ethnic background (BME) (Please note Gypsies / Roma are within this community)			No differential impact
Religion or belief (including lack of belief)			No differential impact
People who are lesbian, gay or bisexual			No differential impact
People who are transgendered			No differential impact
People who are in a marriage or civil partnership			No differential impact
Women who are pregnant / on maternity leave			No differential impact
Socio-economic impacts (Including impact on child poverty issues and deprivation)			No differential impact
Public Health impacts (How will your proposal impact on the general health of the population of Torbay)			No differential impact

## 10. Cumulative Council Impact

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10.1 N/A

## 11. Cumulative Community Impacts

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11.1 N/A