

	<p style="text-align: center;">Council</p> <p style="text-align: center;">25 July 2017</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Title</p>	<p>Referral to Council from the Children Education Libraries and Safeguarding Committee – Barnet Ofsted Inspection of services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Report of</p>	<p>Head of Governance</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wards</p>	<p>All</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Status</p>	<p>Public</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Enclosures</p>	<p>Annex 1 – Report to Children Education Libraries and Safeguarding Committee , 18 July 2017</p> <p>Appendix 1: Ofsted Inspection report</p> <p>Appendix 2: Ofsted guidance for inadequate local authorities</p> <p>Appendix 3: Department for Education guidance for inadequate local authorities</p> <p>Appendix 4: Draft Ofsted Improvement Action Plan</p> <p>Appendix 5: Draft LSCB Improvement Action Plan</p>
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Summary

The Children Education Libraries and Safeguarding Committee on 18 July 2017, unanimously supported the referral of the Barnet Ofsted Inspection of services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers report to Council.

Council is therefore requested to consider the recommendations as set out below.

Recommendations

- 1. That Council consider and vote on the recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 contained at Annex 1 of the report which was referred from the Children Education Libraries and Safeguarding Committee on 18 July 2017,**
- 2. That Council consider and vote on the amended recommendation 6 and new recommendation 7 as set out in paragraph 1.5 to this report.**

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 At its meeting on 18 July, the Children Education Libraries and Safeguarding Committee considered agenda item 7, Barnet Ofsted Inspection of services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers.
- 1.2 In line with the Council's Constitution, the requisite number of Members to support a referral from the Committee to its parent body, Full Council, is 4 Members subject to the decision being marked as Key and Non-Urgent.
- 1.3 The Constitution, Responsibility for Functions, section 6.5 notes that key decision is one which:
 - will result in the Council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the Council's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or
 - is significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards
- 1.4 In considering the report, the Chairman of the Committee, Councillor Reuben Thompstone noted that arguably the report should have been marked as a key decision due to the significance of the issues raised which were potentially of interest to residents across the borough. The legal officer in attendance agreed that this was open to interpretation. The other Committee members agreed that the report should have been marked as a key decision.
- 1.5 Following consideration of the report Councillor Pauline Coakley-Webb moved a change to recommendation 6, and a new recommendation 7, as below:
 - 6. That the Committee agree that each Children, Education, Libraries & Safeguarding Committee meeting will have a standing item on the progress of implementing the Improvement Action Plan including where appropriate deep dives into areas of concern.**

7. That the Committee agree that Councillor Pauline Coakley-Webb and Councillor Reuben Thompstone arrange meetings to visit Islington Council and Essex County Council.

This was duly seconded.

- 1.6 The Chairman then moved to the vote on the recommendations as set out in the report, and on amended recommendation 6 and new recommendation 7. The votes were declared as follows:

For	9
Against	0
Abstentions	0

- 1.7 Immediately following the vote Councillor Reuben Thompstone moved to refer the item to the next practicable meeting of Full Council. The reason given for the request to refer the item was that the importance of the issues raised warranted greater Member scrutiny. The referral was supported by all Members of the Committee, therefore meeting the requisite number needed for referral.
- 1.8 As the Children Education Libraries and Safeguarding Committee immediately indicated after the decisions had been taken that they required the decision to be referred up, the procedures to be followed will be those set out in Paragraph 20 of Full Council Procedure Rules (Rules of Debate). For reports of Committees (including Overview and Scrutiny Committees), the Chairman of the relevant committee, or the Vice-Chairman in their absence, will move reception of the report and adoption of the recommendations. This report need not be seconded. The leader of each of the other groups, or another member of their group, will then have an opportunity to comment on the recommendation, and at the end of the time allowed the Mayor will bring this part of the debate to an end, whether or not all those entitled have spoken or completed their speeches.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 As set out in the substantive report.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 As set out in the substantive report.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 As set out in the substantive report.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

- 5.1 **Corporate Priorities and Performance**

5.1.1 As set out in the substantive report.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

5.2.1 As set out in the substantive report.

5.3 Legal and Constitutional References

5.3.1 Constitution, Responsibility for Functions, Paragraph 6, Members Rights to Refer Matters to Parent Body – states that “A specified number of Members of a Committee or Sub-Committee may require that any decision of the Committee or Sub-Committee is referred up to the next practicable meeting of Full Council or the relevant Committee to which the Committee or Sub-Committee reports, by indicating immediately after the decision is taken that they require the decision to be referred up. The report to Full Council or the relevant Committee to which the Committee or Sub-Committee reports on the referral shall set out the reasons given for the referral.”

5.3.2 Constitution, Full Council Procedure Rules, Paragraphs 20 and 21- Rules of Debate and Time for Debate

5.4 Risk Management

5.4.1 As set out in the substantive report.

5.5 Equalities and Diversity

5.5.1 As set out in the substantive report.

5.6 Consultation and Engagement

5.6.1 None

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 None.