

	<p>Council</p> <p>30 January 2018</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Title</p>	<p>Barnet Children's Services Improvement Action Plan</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Report of</p>	<p>Leader of the Council</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Wards</p>	<p>All wards</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Status</p>	<p>Public</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Urgent</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Key</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Enclosures</p>	<p>Annex 1 – Report to Children’s, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee, 16 January 2018, Update report on progress of Barnet Children's Services Improvement Action Plan</p> <p>Appendix 1 – Ofsted Monitoring Visit Final Letter</p> <p>Appendix 2 – Barnet Children’s Services Improvement Plan Data Dashboard</p> <p>Annex 2 – Children’s Commissioners Report into Report into Children’s Social Care Services in the London Borough of Barnet</p> <p>Annex 3 – Statutory Direction from the Secretary of State for Education</p>
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Summary

On 16 January 2018 the Children Education, Libraries & Safeguarding Committee received a report on the progress of Barnet Children's Services Improvement Action Plan to ensure scrutiny by elected members in improving the effectiveness of the local authority in protecting and caring for children and young people as a corporate parent.

After the Committee meeting took place, a report and recommendations by the Commissioner for Children's Services in Barnet has been published by the Department for Education. Given the significance of this issue, the Leader of the Council, Leader of the Opposition, Chairman of the Children, Education, Libraries & Safeguarding Committee, the Chief Executive and Strategic Director for Children and Young People have agreed that Full Council should receive and consider the report of the Commissioner for Children's Services.

Recommendations

- 1. That the update report on progress of Barnet Children's Services Improvement Action Plan (Annex 1) be noted.**
- 2. That the Children's Commissioners Report into Report into Children's Social Care Services in the London Borough of Barnet (Annex 2) be noted.**
- 3. That the Statutory Direction from the Secretary of State for Education in respect of the London Borough of Barnet's Children's Services (Annex 3) be noted.**

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 To ensure that Council has visibility of the progress of the Children's Services Improvement Action Plan and the findings of the Children's Commissioners Report into Report into Children's Social Care Services.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Council are asked to note progress of the Improvement Action Plan and findings of the Children's Commissioner to ensure that all Members are aware of the issues and mitigating actions. Delivering the Improvement Action Plan and addressing the findings and recommendations of the Commissioner is essential to ensuring that children and young people in the Borough are safeguarded.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 None. To ensure that the Barnet Children's Services Improvement Action Plan and the findings of the Commissioner are addressed, it is essential that all Members are aware of the Plan and findings and recommendations of the Commissioner.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 Council are asked to note the report and continue to support the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee and Strategic Director for Children and Young People to monitor the progress of improvements and to deliver the Improvement Action Plan.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 As set out in the report at Annex 1.

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

- 5.2.1 As set out in the report at Annex 1.

5.3 Social Value

- 5.3.1 As set out in the report at Annex 1.

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

- 5.4.1 Council Constitution, Article 4, The Full Council – section 4.1 states that “The Full Council provides a central forum for debate and gives the opportunity for Councillors to ask questions about the Council or matters affecting the Council.”

5.5 Risk Management

- 5.5.1 As set out in the report at Annex 1.

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

- 5.6.1 As set out in the report at Annex 1.

5.7 Corporate Parenting

- 5.7.1 As set out in the report at Annex 1.

5.8 Consultation and Engagement

- 5.8.1 As set out in the report at Annex 1.

5.9 Insight

5.9.1 As set out in the report at Annex 1.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 As set out in the report at Annex 11.