

Education and Children's Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Date of meeting:	28 February 2024
Title of Report:	Children's Social Care Improvements
Lead Member:	Councillor Jemima Laing (Deputy Leader, and Cabinet Member for Children's Social Care, Culture, Events and Communications)
Lead Strategic Director:	David Haley (Director for Childrens Services)
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Your Reference:	
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

To provide an update on the improvements made in children's social care following the implementation of a focused improvement plan.

Recommendations and Reasons

- I. It is recommended that the progress with the focused improvement plan in children's social care is noted.

Alternative options considered and rejected

- I. None.

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

The children's social care improvement plan is significant to the Corporate Priority to keep children and young people safe.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

The children's social care improvement work is part of a wider programme to provide children and families with the right help at the right time providing value for money for the Council at the same time as delivering improved outcomes for residents.

Financial Risks

Additional resources have been committed to maintain workloads at acceptable levels. A recruitment and retention plan is being progressed for permanent experienced social workers to move away from higher cost agency solutions.

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

Not applicable as this is an update report.

Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

** When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council’s duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.*

Not applicable as this is an update report.

Appendices

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A	Briefing report							

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: David Haley											
Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes											
Date agreed: 20/02/2024											

Cabinet Member approval: Councillor Jemima Laing

Date approved: 20/02/2024