

CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD – JUNE 2017

Title of paper:	Pilot Ofsted Inspection of Children's Services		
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Other colleagues who have provided input:			
Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)			
Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:			
Strategic Regeneration and Development			<input type="checkbox"/>
Schools			<input type="checkbox"/>
Planning and Housing			<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Services			<input type="checkbox"/>
Energy, Sustainability and Customer			<input type="checkbox"/>
Jobs, Growth and Transport			<input type="checkbox"/>
Adults, Health and Community Sector			<input type="checkbox"/>
Children, Early Intervention and Early Years			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Leisure and Culture			<input type="checkbox"/>
Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration			<input type="checkbox"/>
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):			
<p>This report introduces what will be a presentation setting out the findings of a pilot Ofsted inspection of Children's Services that took place in January 2017.</p>			
Recommendation(s):			
1	For the Corporate Parenting Board to note the findings of the inspection, and seek assurance that the areas that require improvement have been addressed.		

1 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 The Pilot inspection focused on the services to vulnerable children and families in Nottingham City. This included a detailed appraisal of the quality of our services to children in care. The findings of the inspection are therefore directly relevant to the Corporate Parenting Board.

2 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 In January, Ofsted undertook an inspection of Children's Services provided by Nottingham City Council. The inspection was conducted by four inspectors who

undertook a range of intensive inspection activities over a two week period. This included a detailed audit of 270 cases, interviews with staff and observation of front-line service delivery.

- 2.2 This was a pilot to enable Ofsted to trial their new inspection methodology. Although we had agreed to participate in the pilot, the inspection was never the less a robust examination of local practice and delivered graded judgements about the quality of:
- Services to children in need of support and protection.
 - Services to children looked after.
 - Leadership and Management.
- 2.3 As this is a Pilot inspection the report will not be published.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 None.

4 FINANCE COLLEAGUE COMMENTS (INCLUDING IMPLICATIONS AND VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

4.1 This will be covered in the presentation.

5 LEGAL AND PROCUREMENT COLLEAGUE COMMENTS (INCLUDING RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES, AND LEGAL, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT AND PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS)

5.1 None.

6 STRATEGIC ASSETS & PROPERTY COLLEAGUE COMMENTS (FOR DECISION RELATING TO ALL PROPERTY ASSETS AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE) (AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS ONLY)

6.1 None.

7 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

7.1 Has the equality impact of the proposals in this report been assessed?

No



An EIA is not required because:

(Please explain why an EIA is not necessary)

Not needed as the report does not contain proposals or financial decisions.

8 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION

8.1 None.

9 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

9.1 None, the inspection report will not be published by Ofsted.