



Coventry City Council

Briefing note

To: Education and Children's Scrutiny Board

Date: 13th October 2016

Subject: Outstanding Issues Report

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To inform Members of the approach to be taken on progress, outcomes and responses to recommendations and substantial actions made by the Scrutiny Board.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are recommended to:
- 1) Note the attached outstanding issues at Appendix 1

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 When recommendations and actions are made following a scrutiny meeting, they are circulated to the relevant Cabinet Member and officer, and recorded on a recommendations tracker.
- 3.2 The purpose of this report is to bring to the Boards attention the responses received from Cabinet Members and officers in regard to recommendations and actions from previous meetings.
- 3.3 Once a response has been received or an action dealt with, it will be removed from this report and kept in the full recommendations tracker. The complete tracker can be viewed by contacting the Scrutiny Team on the details below.

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Appendix 1 - Outstanding Issues

Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Cabinet Member/ Responsible Officer	Rec', Action or Information	Recommendations/ Actions	Officer contact	Response/ Status
21st July 2016	Serious Case Review	LSCB	A	The individuals noted in the report as evidencing good, determined practice be congratulated	Hardeep Walker	
21st July 2016	Serious Case Review	Members	I	The action plan following the SCR with progress on recommendations is available to Members if they wish	Gennie Holmes	Email to Members of the Board asking them if they want the information 27/7/16 Report circulated 20/9/16 COMPLETE
21st July 2016	Early Help Strategy Progress Report	John Gregg	I	The SB were keen to communicate to all providers including schools and nurseries a standardised definition of 'school ready' including a list of expectations ie be able to tie a shoe lace	John Gregg	
21st July 2016	Improvement Board Progress Review		A	The new Chair of the Improvement Board be invited to the Scrutiny Board	Gennie Holmes/ Michelle Rose	The new Chair, Steve Hart, starts in September. Officers to check availability. Attending meeting 13/10/16 COMPLETE
15th September 2016	Stepping Up and Stepping Down		A	Members of SB2 would like to support the evidence based decisions our professional social workers make	John Gregg	

15th September 2016	Quality Assurance Auditing	Cllr Ruane	R	The Board to write to the Cabinet Member commending the Director for providing the list as a focus for improvement and request the CM's view on these as crucial targets	Gennie Holmes	Email sent to CM and Deputy 23/9/16. Response received same date: <i>Yes support would be great around how audits are driving change in frontline practice across the whole service, too many of the issues highlighted have been highlighted in audits going back two years. Eg. 'Recording is still inconsistent' 'Chronologies is not routine or properly understood' when the same issues are highlighted time and again in audits, it clearly indicates that managers are incapable of bringing about the necessary change due to poor oversight of frontline practice. Numerous training courses have been provided around, recording and chronologies</i>
15th September 2016	Quality Assurance Auditing		A	The headlines from the audits be reported back on regularly to the Board	Gennie Holmes	Added to the work programme COMPLETE
15th September 2016	Staying Put Arrangements and Policy		A	The Chair and the Director of Children's Services agreed to look at the recent BBC article about care-leavers	Gennie Holmes	23/9/16 Article Circulated, as well as clip from the BBC Coventry and Warwickshire. COMPLETE
15th September 2016	Staying Put Arrangements and Policy		A	To consider ways of addressing the issues covered in the press about Care Leavers in a local context	John Gregg/ Gareth Lewis	23/9/16 Contacted Comms