

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Children's Services Performance Indicators</b>
<b>FOR CONSIDERATION BY</b>	Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 28 June 2016
<b>WARD</b>	None Specific
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## **OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY**

Children's Services performance indicators underpin the council's priorities and principles to focus on every child reaching their potential and looking after the vulnerable.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Children's Service performance indicators be noted.

## **SUMMARY OF REPORT**

The timing of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee means that the latest indicators available for formal reporting this cycle are the Quarterly indicators reported at the end of March 2016.

## **Background**

A set of information on performance indicators is provided to the Corporate Leadership Team and the Executive on a regular basis. The most recent report, providing information for Children's Services covering the quarter to March 2016, is provided as Appendix A to this report.

## **Analysis of Issues**

There are three indicators this quarter which are rated amber for performance, and two which are red.

## **Amber**

- 1. % Children who are currently subject to a Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time within 24 months.**

Due to the small number of children subject to a Child Protection Plan in

Wokingham, small changes in numbers for this indicator will have a large impact on percentages for an indicator which was deliberately set to be challenging. The reported figure relates to a small number of families whose circumstances changed significantly in December 2016.

## **2. % Looked After Children living within 20 miles of their home.**

Despite the Q.4 figure falling below our ambitious target, performance is improving, and is in line with other South East authorities.

## **3. % Secondary Schools with a current Ofsted rating of “good” or better.**

In Q.4 there was one secondary school requiring improvement, a recently established free school on a positive improvement trajectory.

### **Red**

## **1. Reduce the education gap at KS2 level 4 between disadvantaged and other pupils for Reading, Writing and Maths.**

In a context of very high levels of overall performance, performance gaps are always likely to be higher in Wokingham. Disadvantaged pupils experience similar barriers to achievement to those elsewhere, whilst Wokingham’s extreme levels of advantage and high achievement widen the gap at the top end of the achievement range.

## **2. % Care Proceedings completed in 15/16 within 26 weeks of application.**

In all cases delays were caused by factors outside the direct control of the Local Authority.

As stated in the previous reports, the indicators for use in corporate performance reports and their associated targets have been discussed by the Corporate Leadership Team and will be used in all reporting to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION**

***The Council faces severe financial challenges over the coming years as a result of the austerity measures implemented by the Government and subsequent reductions to public sector funding. It is estimated that Wokingham Borough Council will be required to make budget reductions in excess of £20m over the next three years and all Executive decisions should be made in this context.***

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year	Not applicable		

(Year 1)			
Next Financial Year (Year 2)	Not applicable		
Following Financial Year (Year 3)	Not applicable		

**Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision**

None

**Cross-Council Implications**

n/a

**List of Background Papers**

None

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