

TITLE	Children's Services Performance Indicators
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 13 January 2014
WARD	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 Overview and Scrutiny Committee means that the only indicators available for reporting this cycle are the suite of Social Care indicators, attached.

The indicator which is red is 7b "% of core assessments completed within 35 working days". This indicator is an old national indicator which was replaced in September by 7 "% of assessments completed within 45 working days". All core assessments under the old framework have been completed.

Background**Analysis of Issues**

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 (Year 1)			
Next Financial Year (Year 2)			
Following Financial Year (Year 3)			

Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision

Cross-Council Implications (how does this decision impact on other Council services and priorities?)

Reasons for considering the report in Part 2

List of Background Papers

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Balanced Scorecard November 2013

Key



indicates that actual scores and traffic light status are not due for this report

No	Indicator	Frequency of Reporting	Comparator Period	Baseline Performance	Target 2013/14	High or Low score is good	November Actual	November RAG	Exec Member	Strat Director	Indicator description
Table 1 Children											
Keeping Children Safe											
5	Safeguarding: Children subject to a Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time	Quarterly switched to monthly reporting after 1st qtr	Previous quarter	See note	12 to 14%	Low	0.0%	Green	Charlotte Haitham Taylor	Pauline Maddison	The year to date result at the end of November is 11.9%, consistent with our target for 2013/14. The national average data for 2012/13 was 14.9%, with our statistical neighbour average being 15.6%.
6	Safeguarding: % of referrals that are repeat referrals to Children's Social Care	Quarterly switched to monthly reporting after 1st qtr	Previous quarter	See note	20 to 23%	Low	19.9%	Green	Charlotte Haitham Taylor	Pauline Maddison	The year to date result at the end of November is 22.7%, within our target range of 20% to 23%.
82 7	Safeguarding: % of assessments completed within 45 working days	Quarterly switched to monthly reporting after 1st qtr	Previous quarter	New indicator	75 to 85% (Focus on timeliness and quality)	High	94.00%	Green	Charlotte Haitham Taylor	Pauline Maddison	This indicator was implemented in late September. The year to date figure at the end of November is 96.7%.
7a	Safeguarding: % of initial assessments completed within 10 working days	Quarterly switched to monthly reporting after 1st qtr	Previous quarter	See note	76 to 85% (Focus on timeliness and quality)	High			Charlotte Haitham Taylor	Pauline Maddison	All initial assessments have been replaced by the new single assessment process. No further data will be provided for this indicator.
7b	Safeguarding: % of core assessments completed within 35 working days	Quarterly switched to monthly reporting after 1st qtr	Previous quarter	See note	77 to 85% (Focus on timeliness and quality)	High	0.0%	Red	Charlotte Haitham Taylor	Pauline Maddison	This is the last month when data will be provided for this indicator, due to the implementation of the single assessment process in September. There are no further core assessments awaiting completion. The year to date outturn for this indicator is 71.9%

8	Looked after children: % of children who have had three or more placements within the year	Quarterly switched to monthly reporting after 1st qtr	Previous quarter	See note	7 to 9%	Low	9.0%	Green	Charlotte Haitham Taylor	Pauline Maddison	This indicator is monitored on a financial year basis, against the previous 12 months; a rolling 12 month analysis. The small number of children concerned means that there can be significant variance from one period to another. During the current financial year 6.4% of children have had 3 or more moves.
9	Looked after children: % of children achieving permanence	Quarterly switched to monthly reporting after 1st qtr	Previous quarter	See note	16 to 18%	High	23.10%	Green	Charlotte Haitham Taylor	Pauline Maddison	The year to date result at the end of November is 23.1%, exceeding our target of 18%.

Keeping Children Safe Indicator Commentary

Narrowing the Gap

10	Key Stage 2 attainment: The gap between the performance of those children eligible for Free School Meals and their peers	Annual	Previous year	Summer 2012 FSM 53% Non FSM 84% NTG 31pp	Gap of around 25 percentage points.	Low			Charlotte Haitham Taylor	Pauline Maddison	
11	Key Stage 4 attainment: The gap between the performance of those children eligible for Free School Meals and their peers	Annual	Previous year	Summer 2012 FSM 26.2% Non FSM 67.8% NTG 41.6pp	Gap of around 35 percentage points.	Low			Charlotte Haitham Taylor	Pauline Maddison	
§3 12	% of young people who are classified as Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)	Quarterly	Corresponding quarter for previous year	See note	Below 4.5% at year end	Low			Charlotte Haitham Taylor	Pauline Maddison	
13	% of young people in vulnerable groups[5] who are classified as Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)	Quarterly	Corresponding quarter for previous year	New indicator	Cohort too small – should simply aim for a reduction over the year	Low			Charlotte Haitham Taylor	Pauline Maddison	
14	Youth Offending: first time entrants to the Youth Justice System	Quarterly	Previous quarter	Baseline 2012/13 Q1 - 8, Q2 - 4, Q3 - 7, Q4 - 10	Reduction on previous year (nationally subject to revised definition for 2013/14)	Low			Charlotte Haitham Taylor	Pauline Maddison	
15	Youth Offending: rate of re-offending	Quarterly	Previous quarter	2012/13 24.3%	Reduction on previous year	Low			Charlotte Haitham Taylor	Pauline Maddison	

Narrowing the Gap Indicator Commentary

Opportunity for All

16	Key Stage 2 attainment: % of pupils achieving Level 4 in both English and mathematics	Annual, (two updates – provisional and final)	Previous year	2011/12 Average all pupils 89%	Average all pupils 90%	High			Charlotte Haitham Taylor	Pauline Maddison	
17	Key Stage 4 attainment: % of pupils achieving 5+A*-C GCSEs (inc English and mathematics)	Annual (two updates – provisional and final)	Previous year	2011/12 Average all pupils 65.6%	Average all pupils 70%	High			Charlotte Haitham Taylor	Pauline Maddison	
18	Raising standards in schools: % of schools in Ofsted categories of good or better	Quarterly	Previous quarter	Dec 2012 published data, (43 schools) 72.9%	78% (46 schools)	High			Charlotte Haitham Taylor	Pauline Maddison	
18a	Raising standards in schools: % of primary schools in Ofsted categories of good or better	Quarterly	Previous quarter		78% (40 schools)	High			Charlotte Haitham Taylor	Pauline Maddison	
18b	Raising standards in schools: % of secondary schools in Ofsted categories of good or better	Quarterly	Previous quarter		78% (6 schools)	High			Charlotte Haitham Taylor	Pauline Maddison	

Opportunity for All Indicator Commentary