

ITEM NO: 60.00

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| TITLE | Children's Services Performance Indicators |
| FOR CONSIDERATION BY | Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 2 March 2015 |
| WARD | None Specific |
| STRATEGIC DIRECTOR | Judith Ramsden, Director of Children's Services |

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 December 2014.

The only indicator which was rated red in the December report was: Indicator 5 Safeguarding: "The percentage of children subject to a child protection plan for a second or subsequent time". This indicator can show significant swings between months, due to the low number of children involved. It is believed that this indicator will return to green before the end of the financial year.

Indicator 6 Safeguarding: "The percentage of referrals which are repeat referrals to Children's Social Care" has now returned to green following the analysis (and manual calculation of the indicator) necessitated following the streamlining of our processes which occurred last year (in line with national thinking); namely that we stopped recording and processing 'contacts' and 'referrals' separately.

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 year to December 2014, is provided as Appendix A to this report.

The following analysis of issues has been updated to include more recent information available within the service.

Analysis of Issues

The only indicator which was rated red in December 2014 was *Indicator 5 Safeguarding: "The percentage of children subject to a child protection plan for a second or subsequent time"*. This indicator can show significant swings between months, due to the low number of children involved. The following update, based on January data, already shows the indicator having reverted to amber and it is believed that this indicator will return to green before the end of the financial year.

Four families were identified as requiring a subsequent plan because they were unable to sustain the improvements required, rather than being due to new referral. All Child Protection conferences now emphasise sustainability. This action has caused a temporary increase in repeat child protection plans.

An update on performance since December 2014 shows:

| Balanced Scorecard update | | | | | | | | | |
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| No | Indicator | Frequency of Reporting | Comparator Period | Baseline Performance | Target 2013/14 | High or Low score is good | January 2015 (ytd) | RAG | |
| Keeping Children Safe | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Safeguarding: Children subject to a Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time | Quarterly switched to monthly reporting | Previous quarter | See note | 12 to 14% | Low | 16.7% | A | Four families were identified as requiring a subsequent plan because they were unable to sustain the improvements required |
| 6 | Safeguarding: % of referrals that are repeat referrals to Children's Social Care | Quarterly switched to monthly reporting | Previous quarter | See note | 20 to 23% | Low | 20.1% | G | |
| 7 | Safeguarding: % of assessments completed within 45 working days | monthly reporting | Previous quarter | New indicator | 75 to 85% | High | 90.6% | G | |
| 8 | Looked after children: % of children who have had 3 or more placements within the year | monthly reporting | Rolling 12 months | See note | 7 to 9% | Low | 4.3% | G | |
| 9 | Looked after children: % of children achieving permanence | monthly reporting | Previous quarter | See note | 16 to 18% | High | 27.5% | G | |

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? |
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| Current Financial Year (Year 1) | Not applicable | | |
| 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 (how does this decision impact on other Council services and priorities?)

n/a

Reasons for considering the report in Part 2

n/a

List of Background Papers

None

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| No | Indicator | Comparator Period | Baseline Performance | Target 2014/15 | High or Low score is good | December YTD | RAG | Exec Member | Strat Director | Indicator commentary |
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| 1 Children | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children Safe | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Safeguarding: Children subject to a Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time | Previous quarter | See note | 12 to 14% | Low | 18.20% | Red | Charlotte Haitham Taylor | Judith Ramsden | Please see text in associated report |
| 5B | Safeguarding: Children subject to a Child Protection Plan lasting over 2 years | Previous quarter | | 3 to 7 % | Low, but not too low | 0% | Green | Charlotte Haitham Taylor | Judith Ramsden | -- |
| 7 | Safeguarding: % of assessments completed within 45 working days | Previous quarter | New indicator | 75 to 85% (Focus on timeliness and quality) | High | 94.20% | Green | Charlotte Haitham Taylor | Judith Ramsden | -- |
| 8 | Looked after children: % of children who have had three or more placements within the year | Previous quarter | See note | 7 to 9% | Low | 4.48% | Green | Charlotte Haitham Taylor | Judith Ramsden | -- |
| 9 | Looked after children: % of children achieving permanence | Previous quarter | See note | 16 to 18% | High | 28.36% | Green | Charlotte Haitham Taylor | Judith Ramsden | -- |
| Narrowing the Gap | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | Key Stage 2 attainment: The gap between the performance of those children eligible for Free School Meals and their peers | Previous year | Summer 2012 FSM 53% Non FSM 84% NTG 31pp | | Low | Summer 2014 FSM6 65.1% Non FSM6 87.0% NTG 21.9 pp | Green | Charlotte Haitham Taylor | Judith Ramsden | The FSM6 gap monitors the gap in achievement between children who have received free school meals at some point in the last 6 years and children who have not. The FSM6 gap has reduced from 29.3 percentage points (pp) in 2013 to 21.9 pp in 2014. |
| 11 | Key Stage 4 attainment: The gap between the performance of those children eligible for Free School Meals and their peers | Previous year | Summer 2012 FSM 26.2% Non FSM 67.8% NTG 41.6pp | | Low | | Green | Charlotte Haitham Taylor | Judith Ramsden | |
| 12 | % of young people who are classified as Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) | Corresponding quarter for previous year | See note | Below 4.5% at year end | Low | 2.50% | Green | Charlotte Haitham Taylor | Judith Ramsden | Data is reported in arrears and December figure relates to October 2014 |

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| 13 | % of young people in vulnerable groups[5] who are classified as Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) | Corresponding quarter for previous year | New indicator | Cohort too small – should simply aim for a reduction over the year | Low | | | Charlotte Haitham Taylor | Judith Ramsden | The NEET population is complex, and the definitions have changed for reporting. In October 173 (80%) of young people with LDD were in EET (the rest were either NEET or "unknown") There are 14 young parents in years 12 – 14, all of whom are not available for education or training. |
| 14 | Youth Offending: first time entrants to the Youth Justice System | 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 | Judith Ramsden | Score to follow |
| 15 | Youth Offending: rate of re-offending | Previous quarter | 2012/13 24.3% | Reduction on previous year | Low | - | - | Charlotte Haitham Taylor | Judith Ramsden | Score to follow |

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Opportunity for All

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| 16 | Key Stage 2 attainment: % of pupils achieving Level 4 in both English and mathematics | Previous year | 2011/12 Average all pupils 89% | | High | Summer 2014 85% | Green | Charlotte Haitham Taylor | Judith Ramsden | The summer 2014 national average is 79% |
| 17 | Key Stage 4 attainment: % of pupils achieving 5+A*-C GCSEs (inc English and mathematics) | Previous year | 2011/12 Average all pupils 65.6% | | High | Summer 2014 66% | Green | Charlotte Haitham Taylor | Judith Ramsden | The data for summer 2014 is based on the new DfE definition, which only counts a pupil's first attempt at an examination. Indications from schools suggest that around 73% of pupils will have achieved the old measure, which allowed for resits. |
| 18 | Raising standards in schools: % of schools in Ofsted categories of good or better | Previous quarter | Dec 2012 published data, 43 | 78% (46 schools) | High | 81% (46 schools) | Green | Charlotte Haitham Taylor | Judith Ramsden | The data shown is from the Ofsted Data View site as at 05/01/2015, although this reflects the situation at the end of August 2014. 77% of primary schools in Wokingham are at Good or Better as at July 2014. |
| 18a | Raising standards in schools: % of primary schools in Ofsted categories of good or better | Previous quarter | | 78% (40 schools) | High | 79% (39 schools) | Green | Charlotte Haitham Taylor | Judith Ramsden | |
| 18b | Raising standards in schools: % of secondary schools in Ofsted categories of good or better | Previous quarter | | 78% (6 schools) | High | 89% (7 schools) | Green | Charlotte Haitham Taylor | Judith Ramsden | |

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