

Agenda Item 7.

TITLE	Schools' Performance and Ofsted School Reports
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 20th June 2017
WARD	None-specific
DIRECTOR	Judith Ramsden, Director of Children's Services

OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

To monitor schools' effectiveness and the Local Authority (LA) contribution.

RECOMMENDATION

Members to question the content of the reports and to make recommendations.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

To review the recent Ofsted judgements and the Ofsted outcomes over the past year noting the comments on Local Authority support. Additional material in this report also makes reference to School Improvement activity, including regional links and operational and policy developments:

1 Introduction

This report provides the summary of pages from recent Ofsted school reports (appended) for discussion at the meeting in addition to a full account of Ofsted outcomes in the academic year 2016/17, with any comments on LA support and challenge to the respective schools.

2 Background

Since the previous Overview and Scrutiny Committee Report presented on 21 March 2017 there have been four Ofsted school inspections published – Hatch Ride Primary School., The Emmbrook School, St Crispin's School and The Hawthorns Primary School. Wheatfield Primary School have also been inspected but, as yet, the report has not been published. The Coombes CE Primary School has also been subject to a monitoring visit.

Letters have been sent by the Director to congratulate the schools which have improved or maintained their good or better status

3 Schools inspected since the last report to Overview and Scrutiny:

- **Hatch Ride Primary School**
Previous Inspection: February 2013 Good

Short Inspection: 28 February 2017

Report date: 23 March 2017

Outcome: Good

- **St Crispin's School**
Previous Inspection: September 2013 Good
Short Inspection: 14 March 2017
Report Date: 21 April 2017
Outcome: Good
- **The Emmbrook School**
Previous Inspection: March 2013 Good
Section 5 Inspection: 14-16 March
Report Date: 21 April 2017
Outcome: Good
- **The Hawthorns Primary School**
Previous Inspection: April 2013 Good
Short Inspection: 3 May 2017
Report Date: 19 May 2017
Outcome: Good

See summary of Ofsted judgements below and attachments (copies of inspection reports)

4 Summary of Ofsted judgements made since September 2016

Date	School	Report type	Overall outcome	Last	Comment made on LA support and intervention
21 st Sept 2016	All Saints CE Primary School	School inspection report	Good	Requires Improvement	Since the previous inspection, the Headteacher has worked constructively with the local authority and with a national leader of education. This support was scaled back last year in recognition of substantial improvements made in the school.
22 nd Sept 2016	Bearwood Primary School	School inspection report	Requires Improvement	Requires Improvement	The support received from the local authority in the past has not used pupils' progress information across the school incisively enough to focus leaders' and governors' attention on strategic planning.
5 th Oct 2016	Oaklands Junior School	Section 8	Good	Good	Working in partnership with the local authority and other local schools you have implemented new assessment systems and teaching approaches. This has enabled much smarter monitoring of the progress that all groups of pupils make and allowed teachers to adapt their planning where necessary. You have worked closely with the local authority and governors to establish an accurate understanding of the strengths and

					weaknesses of the school. Drawing on helpful support from the local authority, you implemented a new and improved system to assess pupils' progress and attainment in line with the new national curriculum.
21 st Dec 2016	Ambleside Centre	School short inspection report: Section 8	Outstanding	Outstanding	Effective use is made of the local community support officer to help children to develop a strong understanding of how to keep safe on the way to and from school.
13 th Dec 2016	Southfield Special	Section 8	No Formal Designation (transfer to academy)	Inadequate	The local authority has also supported the school in ensuring a smooth transition from governing body to IEB and in dealing with some more complex issues relating to staffing. Of note has been the local authority's designated officer assistance, which has helped leaders in responding appropriately to complaints and concerns.
11-12 th Jan 2017	Lambs Lane Primary	Section 5	Good	Requires Improvement	The local authority has made a positive contribution to Lambs Lane's improvement. Leaders and governors value the support and challenge since the last inspection. The adviser linked to the school has provided a range of opportunities for leaders to work with other schools and leaders over time.
25 th Jan 2017	Willow Bank Infant	Short inspection	Good	Good	The local authority has worked with the governing body to establish strong leadership for the school and fully supports the decisions you are making to improve the school.
28 th Feb 2017	Hatch Ride	Short inspection	Good	Good	No comment
14 th March 2017	St Crispin's	Short Inspection	Good	Good	No comment
14 th -16 th March 2017	The Emmbrook	Section 5	Good		Leaders and Governors actively seek support from the local authority. Where it is available, the information and guidance to support improvements are useful.
3 rd May 2017	Hawthorns Primary	Short Inspection	Good	Good	No comment

5 Percentage of schools in the individual Ofsted Ratings (*National in brackets*): Current figures (April 2017)

This is the current table of performance related to Ofsted inspection outcomes. The data gives an overall indication of how many schools are good or better. The categorisation process of focusing on improving vulnerable schools and the work of School Improvement Boards need to accelerate progress on improvement priorities to ensure that all our schools are good or better.

School Type	1 - Outstanding	2 - Good	3 - Requires Improvement	4 - Inadequate
Primary	18% (19%)	74% (71%)	6% (9%)	2% (1%)
Secondary	11% (23%)	78% (56%)	11% (16%)	0% (5%)
Special	100% (39%)	0% (56%)	0% (4%)	0% (2%) (1%)
PRU (1)	50% (18%)	50% (72%)	0% (8%)	0% (2%)
Total	19% (20%)	73% (68%)	6% (10%)	2% (2%)

(1) This includes Berkshire Adolescent Unit (BAU)

(2) Southfield School closed at the end of December 2016. It is now part of Northern House as part of a multi-academy trust and has no formal designation (NFD) until it gets inspected in its third year of operation.

89.3% of children in Wokingham attend a school with an Ofsted rating of good or better. This is above the national average of 86.7%.

6 Involvement with Ofsted and the Regional Schools Commissioner

Over the last three months there has been an introductory meeting with Lee Selby, the new link HMI for Wokingham.

7 Summary of schools with Ofsted Reports being published between 21st March 2017 and 20th June 2017

Hatch Ride Primary School
(Short Inspection 28 February 2017) Good

St Crispin's School
(Short Inspection 14 March 2017) Good

The Emmbrook School
(Section 5 Inspection 14-16 March) Good

The Hawthorns Primary School
(Short Inspection 3 May) Good

8 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)	Not applicable		
Next Financial Year	Not applicable		

(Year 2)			
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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