

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Children's Services Performance Indicators</b>
<b>FOR CONSIDERATION BY</b>	Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 14 November 2017
<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 Services 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 September 2017.

The report also includes information on how performance targets were chosen for 17-18.

## **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 September 2017, is provided as Annex 1 to this report.

Information about the rationale for chosen performance targets can be found in Annex 2.

## **Analysis of Issues**

In 17/18 Q2 there are nine green indicators, three amber indicators, and one red indicator.

Information on performance rated "Red" and "Amber" is given below.

## Red

### **1. Percentage of child protection (CP) visits due in the period which were completed on-time (within 10 days of the previous visit)**

The statutory minimum frequency for visits to children subject to a Child Protection Plan is every 42 days. A challenging target has been set locally of 10 working days to ensure that ambitious, high quality of work with children at risk of significant harm is planned and delivered. Whilst the target of 10 days was missed in Q2, 94.4% of visits took place within 15 working days of the previous visit. Service Managers and Assistant Directors are aware of the children who were not seen within 10 working days and the reasons for this. All children have been seen.

## Amber

### **1. Percentage of children in care at the end of the period who were placed more than 20 miles from their home (excluding unaccompanied asylum seeking children, children placed with parents and children in receipt of short breaks support).**

This is an improving picture. The aim is to place children as close as possible to home to maintain important links with their local community. Where children are in placements further away and are settled, we would not seek to move them closer to home. However, as children coming into care are placed closer to home, and those placed further from home leave care, we expect to see this indicator gradually improve.

### **2. Percentage of primary schools with a current Ofsted rating of “Good” or better; and**

### **3. Percentage of secondary schools with a current Ofsted rating of “Good” or better.**

No school inspection outcomes have been published this quarter, and so there has been no change in performance for these indicators.

## **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 (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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