

TITLE	Children's Services Performance Indicators
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 20 March 2018
WARD	None Specific;
DIRECTOR	Interim Director of People Services - Paul Senior

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 December 2017 (Q3).

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 December 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 Q3 there are 11 green indicators (compared to 9 in Q2), 1 amber indicator (compared to 3 in Q2), and 1 red indicator (there was 1 in Q2).

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 for % visits completed with 10 working days of the previous visit was missed in Q3, performance improved by 4.3% compared to Q2. 88.4% of visits were 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 secondary schools with a current Ofsted rating of “Good” or better.

No school inspection outcomes were published in quarter 3, and so there has been no change in performance for this indicator.

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)	N/A		
Next Financial Year (Year 2)	N/A		
Following Financial Year (Year 3)	N/A		

Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision
N/A

Cross-Council Implications (how does this decision impact on other Council services, including properties and priorities?)
N/A

Reasons for considering the report in Part 2
N/A

List of Background Papers
None

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