

TITLE	Children's Services Performance Indicators
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 18 th September 2018
WARD	None Specific
STRATEGIC DIRECTOR	Jim Leivers, Interim 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 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 June 2018 (Q1).

Three Appendices are attached to this report:

1. Appendix A: A summary of the Children's Services indicators and performance for Q1 18/19.
2. Appendix B: Details of Children's Services performance for indicators falling under the Council Plan Priority "Improve Educational Attainment and Focus on Every Child Achieving Their Potential".
3. Appendix C: Details of Children's Services performance for indicators falling under the Council Plan Priority "Look After Vulnerable People".

Background

A set of information about performance is provided to the Corporate Leadership Team and the Executive on a regular basis. The most recent summary and detailed information, providing performance for Children's Services indicators in Q1 18/19 (April-June 2018) is provided as Appendices A, B, and C to this report.

Analysis of Issues

In 18/19 Q1 there are eight green indicators, seven amber indicators, and four red indicators.

Information on performance rated “Red” and “Amber” is given below.

Red

1. Percentage of Wokingham Borough LA-Maintained Primary Schools with a Current Ofsted Rating of Good or Better.

Q1 performance information for this indicator is as at 31st May 2018. One school (Highwood Primary School), which was previously rated as “Good” was judged to “Require Improvement” between 1st April and 31st May 2018. Performance for this indicator deteriorated from 94.12% in Q4 17/18 to 92.06% in Q1 18/19.

2. Percentage of Children who Attend a Wokingham School (Primary, Secondary or Special) which is “Good” or better.

Q1 performance information for this indicator is as at 31st May 2018. Performance for this indicator has deteriorated due to one school (Highwood Primary School) being judged to “Require Improvement” where previously the judgement had been “Good”. Performance deteriorated from 91.96% in Q4 17/18 to 90.95% in Q1 18/19.

3. Achievement Gap Between Pupils Eligible for Free School Meals and All Other Pupils Achieving a Strong 9-5 Pass in English and Maths at GCSE.

This is an annual indicator. The most recent information available is for the 16/17 academic year. Performance data shows that there was a 34 point gap between the % of pupils eligible for Free School Meals who achieved the standard and % of their peers who achieved the standard.

4. Percentage of Child Protection Visits Due in the Period which were Completed On Time (within 10 days of the previous visit).

The 18/19 target remains the same as set for the previous year, with the aim of improving performance. In Q1, 65% of visits were completed on-time. Despite performance not achieving the target for Quarter 1, 85% of visits were completed within 15 days of the previous visit and all children were seen. When a delay occurred, it was only up to a maximum of 5 working days, and there was a justifiable reason for this, approved by service managers.

Amber

1. Percentage of Wokingham Borough LA-Maintained Secondary Schools with a Current Ofsted Rating of “Good” or better.

Q1 performance information for this indicator is as at 31st May 2018. No Ofsted judgements for Wokingham Secondary Schools were reported during this period. Performance for this indicator for Q1 18/19 remains the same as Q4 17/18 at 88.89%.

2. Percentage of Early Years Settings in Wokingham Borough with an Ofsted Rating of “Good” or better.

Q1 performance information for this indicator is as at 31st May 2018. Performance for Q1 was 95%. This is a new indicator introduced for 18/19.

3. Percentage of Children who Entered Care in the Period and 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).

Two (of eight) (25%) children who entered care in May 2018 were placed more than 20 miles from their home. These children are residing with family members who live out of the borough.

4. Percentage of All 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).

Performance for this indicator deteriorated slightly in Q1 18/19 (34.3%) compared to Q4 17/18 (33.8%) following a sustained period of improvement. 27 of 79 children were in a placement more than 20 miles from their home at the end of Q1 18/19.

5. Percentage of Students Achieving Grades AAB or Better in at Least 2 Facilitating Subjects at A-Level.

Information for this indicator is published on an annual basis. The most recent data available is for the academic year 16/17. Performance improved in 16/17 (16.2%) compared to 15/16 (14.5%) for this indicator. 17/18 academic year performance information will be published in November 2018 by the Department for Education.

6. School Capacity in State-Funded Secondary Schools in Wokingham Borough

Performance for this indicator is reported annually. The most recent data available is for academic year 16/17 when the figure was 10.9%.

For secondary schools, surplus capacity remains higher nationally than for primary schools. Historically, Wokingham Borough has gained more primary age pupils. However, recent secondary school projects are now creating a local draw to the area with more secondary school children migrating to Wokingham Borough Schools from outside the Borough. 17/18 secondary school uptake is expected to show an increase, hence reducing the surplus capacity due to Bohunt School now offering 1,200 places.

7. Percentage of Children Who Became Subject to a Child Protection Plan for a Second or Subsequent Time within 24 months.

During Q1 of 18/19, 5 of 48 children (10.4%) became subject to a Child Protection Plan for the second or subsequent time within 24 months of their previous plan. This was an improvement from Q4 (17/18) when 12.3% of became subject to a plan for a second or subsequent time.

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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