

Agenda Item 27.

TITLE	Children's Services Performance Monitoring
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 22 September 2015
WARD	None Specific
STRATEGIC DIRECTOR	Judith Ramsden, Strategic 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 June 2015. More recent internal monitoring information has been provided.

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 June 2015, is provided as Appendix A to this report.

Analysis of Issues

No indicators were rated red or amber in June 2015.

Since this report was produced, we now have "provisional" data relating to some of the education results:

Indicator	Target	14/15 Actual	15/16 Qtr. 1 Actual
Reduce the education gap at KS2 level 4 between disadvantaged and other pupils for Reading, Writing and Maths		Summer 2014 Other 87% Disadvant 65% Gap 22%	Summer 2015 Other 88% Disadvant 64% Gap 24% <i>(Provisional)</i>
Reduce the education gap at KS4 level 4 between disadvantaged and other pupils for 5 A*-C GCSE incl E&M		Summer 2014 Other 70.6% Disadvant 36.8% Gap 33.8%	<i>Not released until January 2016</i>
% Pupils achieving a good level of development at Early Years Foundation Stage in academic year 14-15.	Increase	Summer 2014 61%	Summer 2015 70%
% Disadvantaged pupils achieving a good level of development at Early Years Foundation Stage in academic year 14-15	Increased attainment & reduced gap	Summer 2014 Other 62% Disadvant 35% Gap 27%	Summer 2015 Other 71% Disadvant 51% Gap 20% <i>(FSM provisional)</i>

As stated in the previous report, the indicators for use in corporate reports and their associated target, have been discussed by the Corporate Leadership Team and will be used in all reporting to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

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 (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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