

Report to: **CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCRUTINY PANEL**

Date: 27 November 2024

Executive Member / Reporting Officer: Councillor Theresa Smith – Executive Member, Children and Families
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Subject: **CORPORATE PERFORMANCE REPORT – CHILDREN'S AND EDUCATION – Quarter 2 2024/25**


Report Summary: The report presents the corporate performance report for Council's Children's Services directorate and the accompanying scorecard for the thematic area of Education, Employment, and Skills and provides a summary of notable observations from the latest data.

The corporate performance report for Children's Services and the scorecard for Education, Employment, and Skills are attached at **Appendix 1**.

Recommendations: The Scrutiny Panel is recommended to review the report and attached CPRs for information.

Corporate Plan: Corporate performance reporting linked to the Council's corporate plan provides intelligence to track progress and inform decision making in support of meeting the aims and ambitions of the plan.

Access to Information: The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting Alec Milner, Senior Policy Officer and SEND Improvement Programme Lead

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1 CORPORATE PERFORMANCE REPORTS

- 1.1 The performance reports attached at **Appendix 1** provide data and commentary for each of the Council's directorates' corporate KPIs. Data is for/up to Quarter 2 of 2024/25 where available. The reports also provide a summary of the finances and staffing resource of each directorate. KPI reference numbers marked "(Oflog)" are those which appear on the Office for Local Government's data explorer and will be identified likewise in this report.

Children's Social Care

- 1.16 100% of children were visited within timescales in Q2. Timescales depend on each child's status and regular visits provide some assurance that children are safe. There was also an increase in the percentage of children with an eight-week supervision recorded on file, up from 87% in Q1 to 93% in Q2, exceeding the service's target of 90%.
- 1.17 98% of initial child protection conferences were held within 15 working days in Q2, up from 92% in Q1. Feedback from the recent monitoring visit has highlighted that the next priority in this area should be to ensure that, when an ICPC determines that a strategy discussion is required, this discussion is held within 24 hours.

Education, Employment, and Skills

- 1.22 Internal figures based on collections on GCSE results day indicate that 63% of pupils passed their English and Maths GCSEs with grades of 4 or higher, up from 61% the year before. Official figures are due this Autumn which will provide the national average for benchmarking.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 As set out at the front of the report.