

SCRUTINY ADVISORY BOARD – CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Meeting date: 14 September 2018

From: Chair of Children and Young People’s Scrutiny Board

Children’s Improvement Plan

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To provide the Board with an overview of how Scrutiny will be involved in reviewing the Children’s Improvement Plan.

2.0 Issues for Scrutiny

2.1 Scrutiny is asked to agree the arrangements set out below.

2.2 Scrutiny is given the opportunity to look at the Improvement Plan (attached as an appendix) and identify areas for scrutiny to look at as the plan is delivered.

3.0 Background

3.1 Since 2015 Cumbria has had in place a Children’s Improvement Plan. This was a requirement of the Directions Notice from the DfE following the 2015 Ofsted inspection in which Cumbria was rated inadequate.

3.2 Following the 2017 inspection when Cumbria was rated as requires improvement, the Directions Notice was lifted and the requirement for a Children’s Improvement Plan was also removed.

3.3 Following discussions with partners, it was agreed to develop a new Children’s Improvement Plan that focuses on the recommendations made by Ofsted in November 2017.

3.4 Part of the new arrangements is for the chairs of various boards that have a role in the Children’s agenda to be represented on a new group that would oversee the Children’s Improvement Plan. This will include the Chair of the Children and Young People’s Scrutiny Board.

- 3.5 The role of the chairs will be to represent their boards at the meetings and act as a liaison point between their boards and the group looking at the Improvement Plan.
- 3.6 The proposal to the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Board is for the board to have the Children's Improvement Plan as a standing item, so the Chair of the Board can actively represent the Board. The aim will also be to enable the Board to scrutinise progress against the Children's Improvement Plan and to raise questions with the Executive Director for People (or any officer he has delegated to attend scrutiny) and the relevant portfolio holder.

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Chair of Children and Young People's Scrutiny
14 September 2018

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Appendices

Children's Improvement Plan

Previous Relevant Council or Executive Decisions [including Local Committees]

No previous relevant decisions

Background Papers

No background papers

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