

9 January 2018

Establishing the Working Group on the Ofsted inspection

Ward(s) All

Portfolio:

Councillor A. Nawaz - Children's Services and Education

Report:

At its meeting on 16 October 2017, the Committee considered the report of the Ofsted inspection of services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers. It was proposed by Members that discussion should be in general terms rather than on individual issues, which could be considered via the formation of a working group on the Council's response to the Ofsted inspection report.

The Committee supported this approach, and it was formalised at the meeting held on 21 November 2017, with it being agreed that there would be a report to the meeting to be held on 9 January 2018 so that the composition and other arrangements for establishing a working group could be determined. It was envisaged that the first meeting of the working group would be arranged to take place in mid/late January 2018.

The working group's first meeting will complete the Council's working group initiation document to determine the context, objectives, scope, equalities implications, other participants, timescales and reporting schedule, and risk factors. This will be reported back to the Committee in due course.

An email was circulated to Members to ascertain expressions of interest and availability for a first meeting, to take place on either 22 or 25 January 2018. The following Members have expressed an interest in joining the Group:

- Councillor Chris Towe
- Councillor Tina Jukes
- Councillor Julie Fitzpatrick
- Councillor Liz Hazell
- Councillor Tim Wilson


Recommendations:


1. To note the report and the proposal to establish the working group on the Ofsted inspection.
2. To agree the composition of the working group.
3. To agree the date of the first meeting of the working group.

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