

Blackpool Council

20 June 2017

To: Councillors Collett, Critchley, Maycock, O'Hara, Owen, Rowson, D Scott, Stansfield and L Taylor

The above members are requested to attend the:

RESILIENT COMMUNITIES AND CHILDREN'S SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Thursday, 29 June 2017 at 6.00 pm
in Committee Room A, Town Hall, Blackpool

A G E N D A

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare any interests in the items under consideration and in doing so state:

- (1) the type of interest concerned; and
- (2) the nature of the interest concerned

If any member requires advice on declarations of interests, they are advised to contact the Head of Democratic Governance in advance of the meeting.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 27 APRIL 2017 (Pages 1 - 4)

To agree the minutes of the last meeting held on 27 April 2017 as a true and correct record.

3 PUBLIC SPEAKING

To consider any applications from members of the public to speak at the meeting.

4 EXECUTIVE AND CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS (Pages 5 - 10)

To consider the Executive and Cabinet Member decisions within the remit of the Resilient Communities and Children's Scrutiny Committee.

5 CHILDREN'S SERVICES UPDATE REPORT (Pages 11 - 16)

To inform the Committee of the work undertaken by Children's Services on a day to day basis and to update on the progress and implementation of developments within the areas.

6 COUNCIL PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT 2016/2017 (Pages 17 - 30)

To present performance against the Council Plan 2015-2020 for the period 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017.

7 SCRUTINY WORKPLAN (Pages 31 - 40)

The Committee to consider the Workplan, together with any suggestions that Members may wish to make for scrutiny review.

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note the date and time of the next meeting of the Committee as Thursday 7 September 2017, commencing at 6pm.

Venue information:

First floor meeting room (lift available), accessible toilets (ground floor), no-smoking building.

Other information:

For queries regarding this agenda please contact Chris Kelly, Acting Scrutiny Manager, Tel: 01253 477164, e-mail chris.kelly@blackpool.gov.uk

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MINUTES OF RESILIENT COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING - THURSDAY, 27 APRIL 2017

Present:

Councillor D Coleman (in the Chair)

Councillors

Collett	Owen	Stansfield
O'Hara	D Scott	L Taylor

In Attendance:

Councillor Graham Cain, Cabinet Secretary (Resilient Communities)

Councillor Maria Kirkland, Cabinet Member for Third Sector Engagement and Leisure Services

Dr Arif Rajpura, Director of Public Health

Ms Diane Booth, Director of Children's Services

Ms Amanda Bennett, Fairness Commission Manager/Community Engagement

Mr Chris Kelly, Acting Scrutiny Manager

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 9 MARCH 2017

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 March 2017 were signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

3 PUBLIC SPEAKING

The Committee noted that there were no applications for public speaking on this occasion.

4 EXECUTIVE AND CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

The Committee considered the Executive and Cabinet Member decisions within the portfolio of the Cabinet Secretary, taken since the last meeting of the Committee.

The Committee discussed decision number PH23/2017 'Blackpool Playing Pitch Strategy', noting that the new playing pitch would be located at, and managed by, the Blackpool and the Fylde College. Members questioned whether increased use at the new pitch would result in a reduction in use of the Council-owned pitches, which would therefore result in a reduction of income to the authority. Councillor Kirkland explained that the strategy was based on demand, so whilst the new pitches would generate additional income for the College, there would continue to be a high demand for use of Council-owned pitches.

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Upon further questioning regarding the Playing Pitch Strategy, Councillor Kirkland explained that there was an intention to increase the availability of 3G artificial pitches, which could be used throughout the winter. Members raised concerns relating to injuries associated with artificial pitches and Councillor Kirkland advised that there were measures in place to reduce the risk of injury amongst players.

5 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Dr Rajpura, Director of Public Health presented a report in relation to current community engagement activity. He explained that the Community Engagement team had recently moved directorates in response to a changing landscape across the Public, Voluntary and Community Sectors and followed the successful allocation of £300,000 in the Fylde Coast Vanguard (NHS) for Community Engagement. He advised that the move would allow a greater synergy between the Vanguard work, the Fairness Commission (the management of which was also governed by Public Health) and the Council's Community Engagement work that would enable a more seamless approach, which in the long term would reduce duplication and ensure things were joined up across all partner organisations.

The Committee was advised that the Fairness Commission was the primary vehicle for community engagement across the town and Dr Rajpura provided details of the membership of the Fairness Commission Board. He noted that the Board contained a number of Voluntary Sector Leaders, as well as the Chief Executive of Blackpool Council, Chief Executive of Blackpool Teaching Hospitals, Chief Superintendent of Police, a GP representing Primary Care and the Director of Public Health as Chairman.

Ms Bennett, Fairness Commission Manager/Community Engagement, provided the Committee with details of a number of recent community engagement activities, which included:

- The establishment of the Grange Park Community Farm
- 'Easter Buddies', which was a network of coffee mornings that took place across the town during Easter. The events were designed to connect people and combat social isolation and loneliness.
- A Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector Showcase Event held in March 2017, where over 50 Voluntary and Community Organisations showcased their activities.
- A Kindness Convention and Acts of Kindness Campaign, which would be launched in June at the Winter Gardens. The purpose of the Campaign and the Event would be to explore what communities could do to support and help each other.

The Committee was also provided with details of the Community Orientated Primary Care Project that had now been introduced as part of the Vanguard work and was intended to provide a huge amount of qualitative data from the participants. It was explained to Members that a group had been formed from 12-15 people who were brought together from the Community and encouraged to work with mixed agencies over several weeks to share what would make the greatest difference to their health and wellbeing, working in a similar way to a 'People's Jury'.

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It was noted that the first of the programmes ran in the Central West area of Blackpool and had been considered a success. There were plans in place to roll the programme out across five other neighbourhood areas in Blackpool over the course of the next 12 months, which would ensure that the solutions were being designed alongside the communities involved. Upon questioning from the Committee, Dr Rajpura advised that the six neighbourhood areas had been devised by the Clinical Commissioning Group and split amongst GP surgery areas.

The Committee discussed methods to encourage residents to volunteer and Dr Rajpura advised that work was being undertaken with the Lancashire Police to participate in the Volunteering Partnership, which would allow an opportunity to manage volunteers more effectively and to offer them greater rewards. Members were advised that the Fairness Commission was developing a Time-Banking/ Time Credits initiative that would reward loyalty and commitment from volunteers and entitle them to discount and vouchers for local businesses.

The Committee raised further questions relating to the Grange Park Community Farm and Farm shop, to be established at the City Learning Centre. Dr Rajpura advised that work had been undertaken to investigate how other community farms had been run and that the farm would be focused around growing produce rather than raising livestock.

The Committee agreed:

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To request an update report on Community Engagement in due course.

Background papers: None.

6 CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW REPORT

The Committee agreed to defer the item to its next meeting, due to the meeting falling within the General Election period of heightened sensitivity.

7 SCRUTINY WORKPLAN

The Chairman presented the workplan to the Committee and highlighted the Implementation of Recommendations' table.

The Committee agreed:

1. To approve the Scrutiny Workplan.
2. To note the 'Implementation of Recommendations' table.

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8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Committee noted the date and time of the next meeting would be agreed at Annual Council on 15 May 2017.

Chairman

(The meeting ended at 6.45 pm)

Any queries regarding these minutes, please contact:
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Report to:	RESILIENT COMMUNITIES AND CHILDREN'S SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Chris Kelly, Acting Scrutiny Manager
Date of Meeting	29 June 2017

EXECUTIVE AND CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider the Executive and Cabinet Member decisions within the remit of the Resilient Communities and Children's Scrutiny Committee.

2.0 Recommendation:

2.1 Members will have the opportunity to question the Cabinet Secretary or the relevant Cabinet Member in relation to the decisions taken.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 To ensure that the opportunity is given for all Executive and Cabinet Member decisions to be scrutinised and held to account.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? N/A

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is 'Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience'.

5.0 Background Information

5.1 Attached at the appendix to this report is a summary of the decisions taken, which have been circulated to Members previously.

5.2 This report is presented to ensure Members are provided with a timely update on the decisions taken by the Executive and Cabinet Members. It provides a process where the Committee can raise questions and a response be provided.

5.3 Members are encouraged to seek updates on decisions and will have the opportunity to raise any issues.

6.0 Witnesses/representatives

6.1 The following Cabinet Members are responsible for the decisions taken in this report and have been invited to attend the meeting:

- Councillor Kath Benson, Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

List of Appendices:

Appendix 4(a): Summary of Executive and Cabinet Member decisions taken.

7.0 Legal considerations:

7.1 None.

8.0 Human Resources considerations:

8.1 None.

9.0 Equalities considerations:

9.1 None.

10.0 Financial considerations:

10.1 None.

11.0 Risk management considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Ethical considerations:

12.1 None.

13.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

13.1 None.

14.0 Background papers:

14.1 None.

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APPENDIX 4(a)

DECISION / OUTCOME	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	DATE	CABINET MEMBER
<p>DEVELOPMENT SCHEME AT WOODLANDS SCHOOL The Cabinet Member agreed the recommendation as outlined namely: To agree to the increased budget provision for Woodlands School development to £2.1 million within the Children’s Services Capital Programme met from a combination of Basic Need Funding and Condition funding.</p>	<p>The purpose of this report is to consider the increase in the budget for the development scheme at Woodlands School.</p> <p>The Children’s Services Capital Programme had previously been agreed in April 2016. Within the programme there had been a budget allocation of £1.5m for the development scheme at Woodlands School. Subsequent to the agreement of the Capital Programme a significant amount of work has been undertaken to develop the proposals, the result of these discussions has led to a scheme, which has a construction value of £2.1m.</p> <p>There are a number of factors which have led to this increase, relating to the poor condition of the existing buildings and mechanical services and a desire to have an improved scheme at the school.</p> <p>To report is also issued to acknowledge that there will be a revised Capital Programme issued during the summer of 2017. The revision will include the proposed increased budget for the scheme at Woodlands School and update on other Children’s Services projects to date.</p>	<p>PH35/2017</p>	<p>12 June 2017</p>	<p>Councillor Kath Benson, Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning</p>

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Report to:	RESILIENT COMMUNITIES AND CHILDREN'S SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Diane Booth, Director of Childrens Services
Date of Meeting	29 June 2017

CHILDREN'S SERVICES UPDATE REPORT

1.1 To inform the Committee of the work undertaken by Children's Services on a day to day basis and to update on the progress and implementation of developments within the areas.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1
- To note the contents of the report and to ensure that current work continues to meet statutory obligations and that work to prepare for external inspections continues.
 - To continue to meet statutory monitoring, challenge and support obligations.
 - To work with schools to support improvement and preparation for external scrutiny and support the work of the Blackpool Challenge Board in order to improve the progress and attainment of Blackpool Children especially at Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4.
 - To identify any further information and actions required.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 For Members of the Committee to be fully informed as to the day to day work of the Children's Services Directorate and have assurance that Blackpool is continuing to meet its statutory obligations for future inspection requirements. The Local Authority remains and retains a statutory responsibility to monitor all schools in order to support improvement and raise the attainment and progress for all children in the Local Authority Area.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options considered:
Services are subject to national and statutory frameworks.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is: "Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience".

5.0 Background Information

5.1 Children's Social Care

The challenge: currently demand is high in relation to contacts, referrals, section 47 enquiries, child protection plans and children looked after. A Demand Management Strategy is developing which incorporates an improvement approach which will be driven by a recent end to end review of services.

5.2 Opportunity Areas

The draft Delivery Plan was due to be submitted to the Secretary of State by the end of April 2017. However, once the General Election was called this significantly slowed down progress due to purdah. Additional information has since been gathered to develop further the draft delivery plan which will now progress.

5.3 Free School

The Local Authority has had approval from the Education and Skills Funding Agency and the Department for Education to proceed with the Expression of Interest submitted for a Social Emotional and Mental Health Free School to be opened in Blackpool. There is currently no time line attached to this due to Purdah, and Schools Forum will be updated as things progress.

5.3.1 The capital for the build will be funded by the Education and Skills Funding Agency as will the place funding. It is anticipated that the Education and Skills Funding Agency will cover the place funding for a maximum of three years and the local authority should anticipate having to cover the place funding long term. The top-up funding for the school will need to be covered by the high needs funding block from when the school opens. The school has been allocated 48 coeducational places to cover the age range 10-16, and the potential site for the school is yet to be agreed.

5.4 Review of high needs provision

The Department for Education has given the local authority £57,000 to carry out a strategic review of high needs provision. The council is seeking applications from interested organisations to carry out the review in respect of provision for Blackpool pupils. The review will consider the effectiveness and value for money of the full range of provision both locally and out of area.

5.5 Blackpool School Admissions

For September 2017 intakes offers for Blackpool families were issued on/by the national statutory dates (1 March 2017 for secondary and 16 April 2017 for primary). In relation to primary reception starters for September 2017 a total of 1,558 applications were received. Of these 1,246 were submitted on-line (80%) and 312 on paper (20%). The breakdown of offers for primary places was as follows:-

<u>Primary</u>	<u>2017</u>
1 st preference	1,471 (94.4%)
2 nd preference	50 (3.2%)
3 rd preference	16 (1.0%)
Non preference	21 (1.3%)

- For September 2017 there were 98.6% of applicants who received an offer for one of their preferred primary schools / academies.

5.5.1 In relation to secondary Year 7 starters for September 2017, a total of 1,414 applications were received. Of these 1,174 were submitted online (83%) and 240 on paper (17%). The breakdown of offers for secondary places was as follows:-

<u>Secondary</u>	<u>2017</u>
1 st preference	1,174 (83.0%)
2 nd preference	141 (10.0%)
3 rd preference	42 (3.0%)
Non preference	57 (4.0%)

- For September 2017 there were 96.0% of applicants who received an offer for one of their preferred secondary academies.

5.5.2 Parents have submitted 41 secondary and 23 primary admission appeals. All of these are scheduled to be heard during June 2017.

5.5.3 Processes for admissions during the school year will be reviewed in liaison with schools and academies with a view to streamlining administration and management and clarifying the relevant pathways for all parties. This relates to In-Year admissions, Managed Moves and Blackpool's statutory In Year Fair Access Protocol. An Inclusion Plan is being developed.

5.6 School Improvement

The Blackpool School Improvement Board continues with their implementation of the five priority areas that will improve outcomes for Blackpool children. The five priority areas are Achievement and Aspiration, Transition, Leadership, Teaching and Learning and Inclusion. Sub groups have been formed around each priority area. Each sub group is constituted of cross phase and cross agency representatives of the education sector.

5.6.1 The Blackpool School Improvement Board is now in the process of bidding for funds through the School Improvement Fund, which is a national fund that can be used to support appropriate actions. Three bids are being drafted that will include Inclusion, Leadership and Teaching and Learning/Transition/Achievement and Aspiration.

5.6.2 The bids will compliment actions identified through the Opportunity Area Fund and will support regional actions, particularly in the North West sector of School Improvement.

5.7 Ofsted Inspections

Since the last report the following schools have been inspected:

- Kinncraig. Was Good and retained Good. 9/5/17
- St Mary's High School. Was Good and retained Good. 21/3/17
- Christ the King. Was Good and retained Good. 16/05/17
- Boundary Primary. Was Requires Improvement, moved to Good. 03/05/17
- Ed Diversity. Was Good and retained Good. 03/05/17

5.8 Promotion and Publicity Campaign for 30 hours Early Years Childcare

A media campaign is underway that would have linked with a national campaign, which unfortunately was cancelled due to Purdah. A new publication for businesses, stakeholders and partners has been produced which informs and outlines the 30 hours free childcare policy and asks for support in spreading the message to parents.

5.9 Early Years and Childcare Team - Ofsted Inspections

One group setting report has been published since the last report, the setting was judged to Require Improvement, and members of the Early Years and Childcare team are working closely with the setting to ensure the necessary improvements are made. One childminder report has also been published, the childminder was judged to be Good.

This gives overall % of good and outstanding as:

- Childminders – 100%, Childcare on non-domestic premises – 95.2%, all registered provision – 97.7%

This compares to national figures as at 31 December 2016 of 91% CMs, 95% PVIs, and 93% all provision.

Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

6.0 List of Appendices:

6.1 None

7.0 Legal considerations:

7.1 None

8.0 Human Resources considerations:

8.1 None

9.0 Equalities considerations:

9.1 None

10.0 Financial considerations:

10.1 None

11.0 Risk management considerations:

11.1 None

12.0 Ethical considerations:

12.1 None

13.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

13.1 None

14.0 Background papers:

14.1 None

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Report to:	RESILIENT COMMUNITIES AND CHILDREN'S SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Val Watson, Delivery Development Officer
Date of Meeting:	29 June 2017

COUNCIL PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT 2016/2017

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To present performance against the Council Plan 2015-2020 for the period 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 The Committee is asked to consider the content of the report and highlight any areas for further scrutiny which will be reported back to the Committee at the next meeting.

2.2 To agree to the proposals for future reporting for the 2017/2018 calendar year as outlined in paragraph 7.0.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 To ensure constructive and robust scrutiny of performance against the Council Plan 2015-2020.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? N/A

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered: N/A

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priorities are: "Communities – create stronger communities and increase resilience."

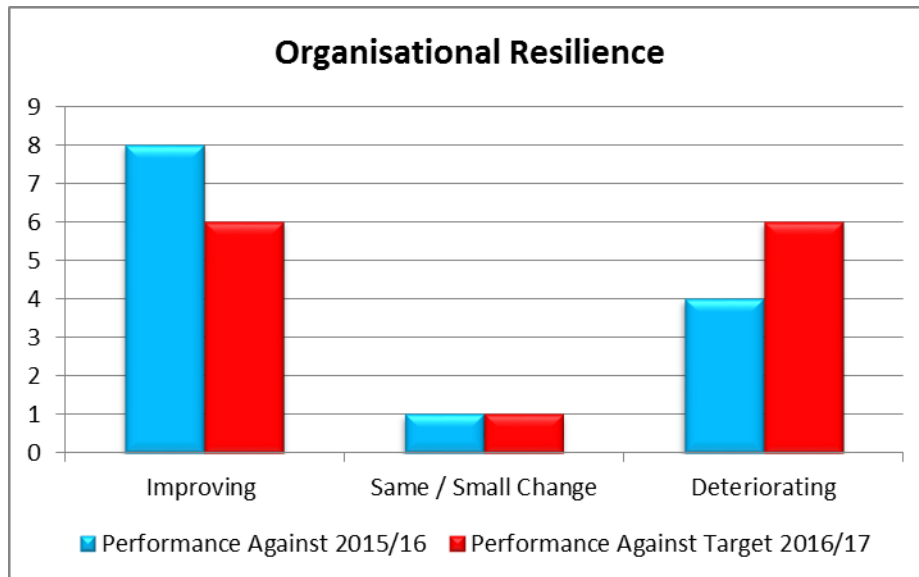
5.0 Background information

5.1 This report reviews performance against the priorities in the Council Plan 2015-2020. The report focuses on a set of core performance indicators which have been developed in consultation with the Corporate Leadership Team.

5.2 Performance against the resilient communities' indicators have been reported to the Committee on a quarterly basis.

6.0 Overview of Performance

6.1 There are 13 indicators within the performance basket for Resilient Communities / 8 indicators within the performance basket for Children's Scrutiny. The graph below shows the direction of travel against performance in 2015/2016 and against target for 2016/2017.



6.2 Further information on the indicators where performance is below target or where performance has deteriorated compared with 2015/2016 can be found in **Appendix 6(b) – EoY Exception Reports**. It should be noted that information on GCSE attainment has already been included in the Q2 Council Plan Performance Report.

6.3 The six indicators where performance has deteriorated in 2016/2017 were:

- Death to service time for cremations;
- % of children attending a primary or secondary school judged by Ofsted to be Good or Outstanding;
- Achievement of 5 or more A*-C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and Maths;

- Number of referrals to Social Care
- Number and rate of children looked after; and
- % of children who became subject to a child protection plan for a second or subsequent time.

7.0 2017/2018 Future Performance Reporting

- 7.1 The Corporate Delivery Unit is working on a revised set of indicators that will better reflect the Council’s two priorities. These indicators are being developed with Departments in line with the revised three year business planning framework and the Medium Term Financial Sustainability Strategy. It is proposed that this new basket of indicators be reported to the Committee for the 2017/2018 reporting year.
- 7.2 Reporting performance information through an annual cycle can be difficult when many of the indicators collected are only reported annually - with many of the indicators being reported at different times of the year and not necessarily at year end.
- 7.3 To allow members to receive more timely and appropriate performance information it is proposed that performance reports in 2017/2018 be aligned to the future workplan for the Committee, with a full break down of indicator performance reported as an overview report at year end. This will equip Members with more relevant performance information reported at the same time and topic as future scrutiny reports. These reports will be focussed and more in-depth than the current reporting arrangements and will give Members more insight and narrative to current performance issues. The Corporate Delivery Unit will work closely with the Democratic Governance Team and relevant Departments to ensure that the reports are as insightful as possible.

Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

List of Appendices:

- Appendix 6(a): End of Year KPI Spreadsheet
- Appendix 6(b): End of Year Exception Reports

8.0 Legal considerations:

8.1 None

9.0 Human Resources considerations:

9.1 None

10.0 Equalities considerations:

10.1 None

11.0 Financial considerations:

11.1 None

12.0 Risk management considerations:

12.1 None

13.0 Ethical considerations:

13.1 None

14.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

14.1 None.

15.0 Background papers:

15.1 None

Corporate Key Performance Indicators
Performance as at 31st March 2017

KEY - Direction of Travel Icons:

↑✓	Performance is improving or on target
↓✓	Performance is improving or on target
↑	Small deterioration in performance / slightly off target
↓	
↔	No change
↑✘	Performance is deteriorating or off target
↓✘	

Lead Cabinet Member	Indicator	Outturn 2013/14	Outturn 2014/15	Outturn 2015/16	DoT (13/14 v 15/16)	2016/17				Outturn 2016/17	Target 2016/17	Direction of Travel		Notes	Dept
						Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			Against Previous	Against Target		
Cllr Cain	% take up of free school breakfasts	77.4%	82.3%	83.1%	↑✓	A	A	A	A	83.5%	Increase on last year	↑	↑	83.5% compared with 83.1% in 2015/16.	CES
Cllr Cain	Death to service time for cremations (% within 14 days)	55.6%	40.7%	44.9%	↓✘	41%	52.4%	57.7%	35.7%	46.1%	60%	↑✓	↓✘	46.1% compared with 44.9% in 2015/16. Please see App B - Exception Reports for more information as the outturn figure is below target.	GPS
Cllr Cross	% of long-term service users with an annual review (new indicator)	n/a	n/a	54%	n/a	22.7% (428/1883)	38% (591/1554)	61.6% (847/1386)	81.3% (720/886)	81.3%	60%	↑✓	↑✓	83.1% compared with 54% in 2015/16. New indicator to replace the proportion of service users with a completed review in year which is being phased out.	AS
Cllr Cross	Permanent admissions of older people (65+) to residential care per 100,000 population	994.3 per 100,000 pop.	876.5 per 100,000 pop.	983.1 per 100,000 pop.	↓✓	No. 69 / Rate 242.6	No. 147 / Rate 516.8	No. 207 / Rate 727.7	No. 264 / Rate 928.0	928.0 per 100,000 pop.	1,100 per 100,000 pop.	↓✓	↓✓	928.0 compared with 983.1 per 100,000 pop. in 2015/16.	AS
Cllr Cross	Proportion of older people who were still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital into reablement / rehabilitation	84.6%	78.6%	78.1%	↓✘	A	A	A	A	83.9%	80%	↑✓	↑✓	83.9% compared with 78.1% in 2015/16.	AS
Cllr Cross	Proportion of older people offered reablement services following a discharge from hospital	n/a	1.9%	1.8%	n/a	A	A	A	A	2.8%	Increase on last year	↑✓	↑✓	2.8% compared with 1.8% in 2015/16.	AS
Cllr Cain	% of children attending a primary or secondary school judged by Ofsted to be good or outstanding	73.2%	68.3%	61.9%	↓✘	A	58.9%	A	A	58.9%	Increase on last year	↓✘	↓✘	58.9% compared with 61.9% in 2015/16. Please see App B - Exception Reports for more details as the outturn figure is below last years figure and below target.	CS
Cllr Cain	Achievement of 5 or more A* - C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and Maths	46.7%	44.0%	42.4%	↓✘	A	43.0%	A	A	43.0%	60%	↑✓	↓✘	43.0% compared with 42.4% in 2015/16. Further details reported in Q2 Council Plan report.	CS
Cllr Cain	% of pupils achieving a Good level of development at EYFS profile	51.8%	54.9%	61%	↑✓	A	64.5%	A	A	64.5%	Increase on last year	↑✓	↑✓	64.5% compared with 61% in 2015/16.	CS
Cllr Cain	% of 16-18 year olds not in education, employment or training	6.8%	6.5%	6.4%	↓✓	A	A	A	A	5.9%	6.2%	↓✓	↓✓	5.9% compared with 6.4% in 2015/16.	CS
Cllr Cain	No. of referrals / Rate of referrals to Social Care per 10,000 children	No. 3,740 / Rate 1,286.9	No. 3,098 / Rate 1067.2	No. 2,944 / Rate 1021.9	↓✓	No. 3,204 / Rate 1117.0	No. 3,425 / Rate 1194.0	No. 3,416 / Rate 1190.9	No. 3,536 / Rate 1232.7	No. 3,536 / Rate 1232.7	No. 2,291 / Rate 795.4	↑✘	↑✘	3,536 compared with 2,944 in 2015/16. Please see App B - Exception Reports for more details as the outturn figure is higher than last years figure and higher than the target.	CS
Cllr Cain	Number of children looked after / rate of children looked after per 10,000 population	No. 443 / Rate 152.4	No. 454 / Rate 156.4	No. 469 / Rate 162.8	↑✘	No. 487 / Rate 169.8	No. 503 / Rate 175.4	No. 500 / Rate 174.3	No. 525 / Rate 183.0	No. 525 / Rate 183.0	No. 443 / Rate 153.8	↑✘	↑✘	525 compared with 469 in 2015/16. Please see App B - Exception Reports for more details as the outturn figure is higher than last years figure and higher than the target.	CS
Cllr Cain	% of children who became subject to a child protection plan for a 2nd or subsequent time	18.4% (73/397)	18.2% (83/455)	19.1% (99/517)	↑✘	22.5% (39/173)	16.6% (59/356)	19.4% (103/530)	20.2% (127/629)	20.2% (127/629)	Decrease on last year	↑✘	↑✘	20.2% compared with 19.1% in 2015/16. Please see App B - Exception Reports for more details as the outturn figure is higher than last years figure and higher than the target.	CS

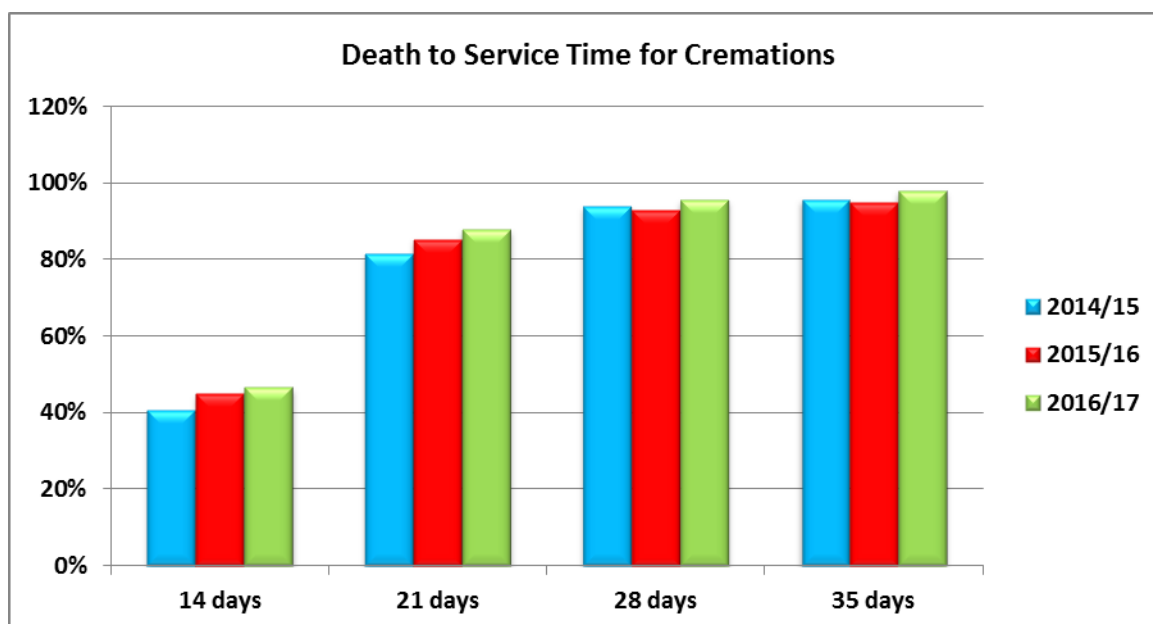
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**CABINET SECRETARY
(RESILIENT COMMUNITIES)**

Indicator Description	Better to be?
Death to service time for cremations (% conducted within 14 days)	High

2014/15	2015/16	2016/17					Target 2016/17	↓ ✖
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	EoY		
40.7%	44.9%	41%	52.4%	57.7%	35.7%	46.1%	60%	



Commentary:

The performance for the Death to service time for cremations (% conducted within 14 days) is below target in the Q4 and year-end figures. This is due to a rise of deaths resulting in a higher amount of cremations being requested within this period, 595 in total compared to previous quarters being Q1 492, Q2 482, and Q3 480.

It is inevitable at this time of year when deaths are at their peak there will be some delay in the service offered. This delay can be due to a number of reasons including the service offered by ourselves in undertaking the cremation, these include back logs at the mortuary resulting in delays in releasing bodies, funeral directors having no slots available due to the increase in their workload and of course availability of our slots due to the demand increasing.

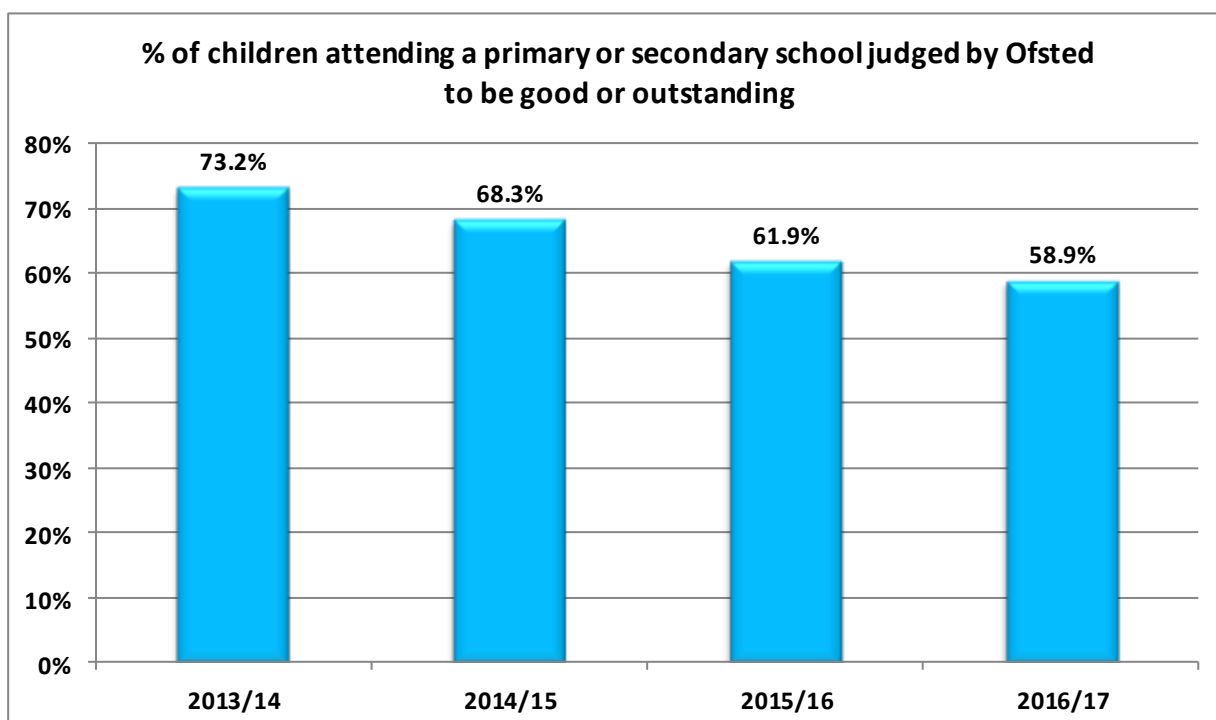
We counter act this as intelligently as possible, by offering Saturday services and extending our 'normal' working day, opening up more slots during this busy period.

Appendix 6(b) - Exception Reports (End of Year 2016/2017)

Indicator Description	Better to be?
% of children attending a primary or secondary school judged by Ofsted to be good or outstanding	High

2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Target	DoT Against Target
73.2 %	68.3%	61.9%	58.9%	Increase on last year	↓ x

*Change in data for 2016/17



Commentary:

[NB: The graph in the report shows a consistent decline in the % figure from 13/14 to 16/17]

This indicator shows that the proportion of pupils attending higher-rated Ofsted schools has declined since 2013/2014. The dataset on which this is based is inclusive of all Blackpool schools and all the pupils therein. This is because some schools have not had a recent Ofsted rating due to changes prompted by acadamisation.

By contrast, the selective Ofsted database which, for example only includes 5 of Blackpool's 7 secondary schools in 2016, suggests:

- The proportion of pupils in a setting rated as "Good" or better has increased by 15.3 percentage points between 2011-2016 to 72.9%. This upward trend has been maintained as a result of improved primary school standards offsetting a decline in secondary schools (from 46.7% in 2013 to 38.2% in 2014 and 34.7% in 2015).
- 86.5% of primary school pupils, 42.2% of secondary school pupils, and 100.0% of special school pupils are educated in settings of this standard.

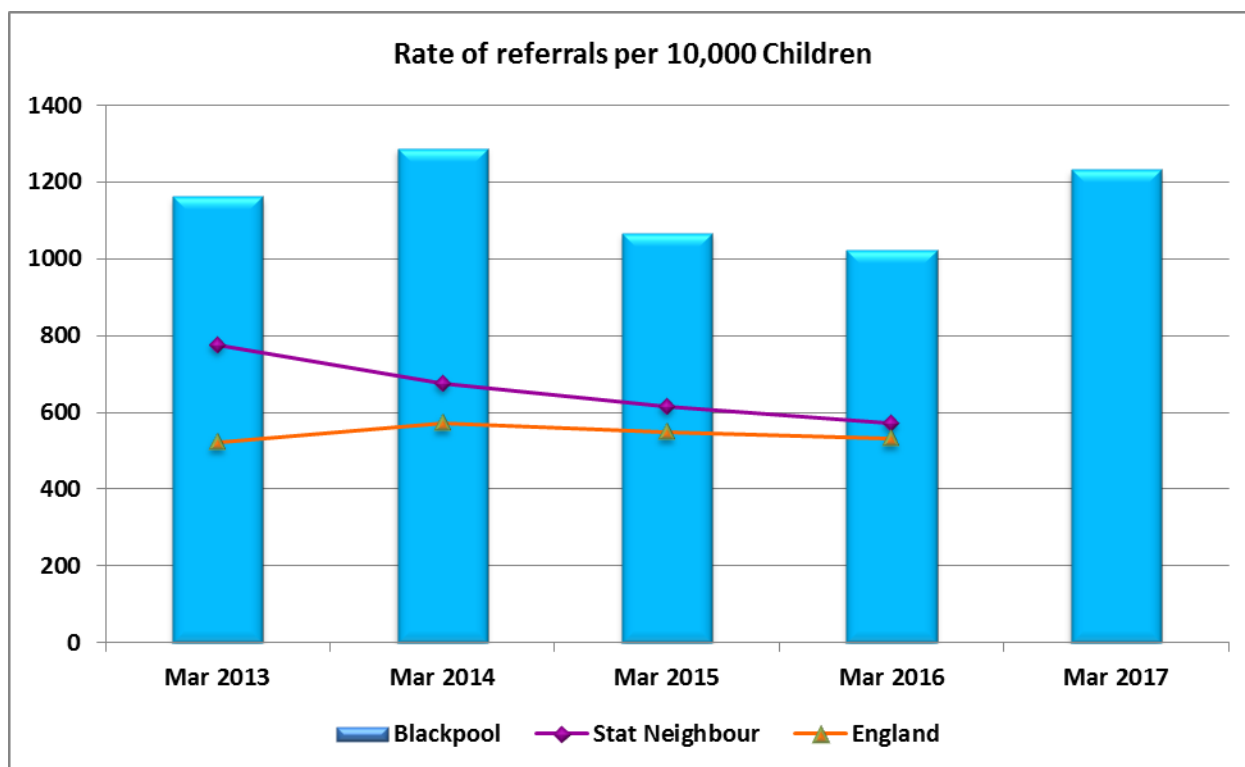
Appendix 6(b) - Exception Reports (End of Year 2016/2017)

Indicator Description	Better to be?
No. of referrals / Rate of referrals to Social Care per 10,000 children	Low

2014/15	2015/16	2016/17				
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Target
3,098	2,944	3,204	3,425	3,416	3,536	2,291
1067.2	1021.9	1117.0	1194.0	1190.9	1232.7	795.4

Direction of Travel			
Current vs. Q3 (16/17)	Current vs. EoY (15/16)	Current vs. England (15/16)	Current vs. Stat Neighbour (15/16)
↑ ✖	↑ ✖	↑ ✖	↑ ✖

*Correction to historical data - this has been changed to reflect a correction in data from 2014.



Commentary:

There have been 3536 referrals to Children Social Care between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2017. This is an increase of 592 in comparison to the previous year. This has increased pressure on the service and we are working with our partners in Early Help to look at ways we can support them with intervening earlier to prevent escalation into statutory services.

Blackpool Children Safeguarding Board has invested in rolling out training on the Graded Profile of Neglect Tool across all agencies. This will support partner agencies with identifying areas that families need support with and enable them to target support where it is required.

Appendix 6(b) - Exception Reports (End of Year 2016/2017)

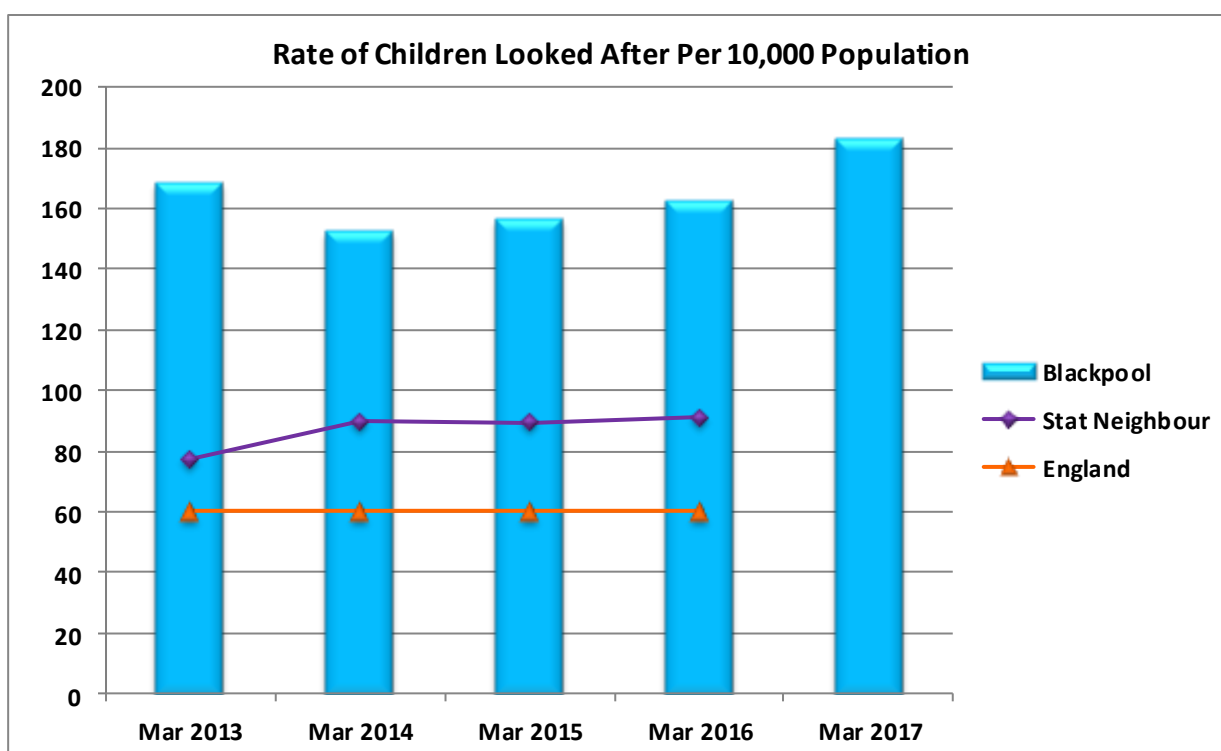
We have also started to roll out The Resilience Therapy Framework from Head Start across partner agencies, whilst it is too early to measure the impact, the model will support partners with working with children and young people to help them with identifying coping strategies to manage the world around them in a more positive way, this in effect will prevent children and young people turning to negative behaviour that can escalate out of control and require the need for statutory intervention.

Appendix 6(b) - Exception Reports (End of Year 2016/2017)

Indicator Description	Better to be?
No. of children looked after / rate of children looked after per 10,000 population	Low

	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17				Target
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
No.	454	469	487	503	500	525	443
Rate	156.4	162.8	169.8	175.4	174.3	183.0	153.8

Direction of Travel			
Current vs. Q3 (16/17)	Current vs. EoY (15/16)	Current vs. England (15/16)	Current vs. Stat Neighbour (15/16)
↑ ✖	↑ ✖	↑ ✖	↑ ✖



Commentary:

At the 31 March 2017 there were 525 children and young people in the care of the Local Authority. This is an increase of 56 in comparison to 31 March 2016.

The number of children in care has placed a significant amount of pressure on the service and budget. Evidence would suggest that for some young people the experience of being in the care system has not achieved positive outcomes and with this in mind we do need to take a different approach to how we intervene with some groups of young people who we work with.

To support us with achieving better outcomes for this cohort of children we are looking at safeguarding children by keeping them closer to home and, where risk can be managed, in the community with their families. To support this way of working and prevent some young people

Appendix 6(b) - Exception Reports (End of Year 2016/2017)

entering the care system we have remodelled one of our children's homes to provide a wraparound respite and outreach service.

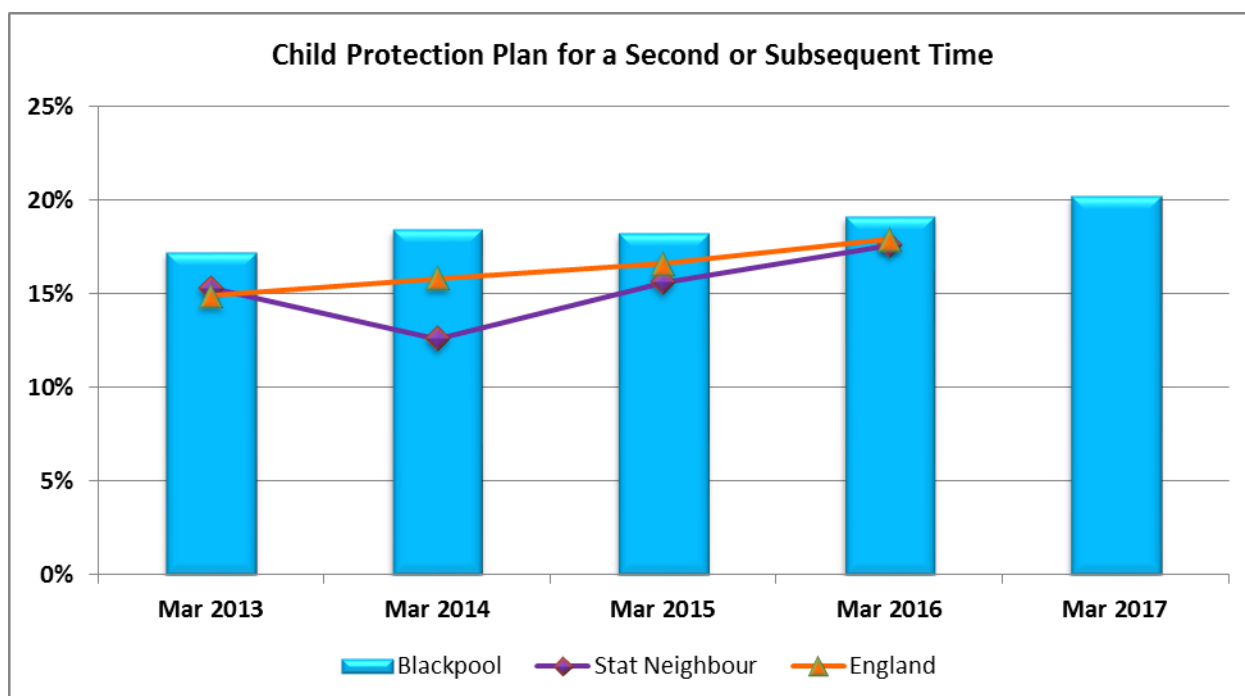
The Link (previously known as Argosy) will be open on the 31 May 2017 and can offer support up to 30 young people. All staff have been trained in the Resilience Therapy Model and whilst in its very infancy the feedback from the outreach work they have offered, whilst awaiting Ofsted Approval to open as a respite service, has been positive. We are also in the process of developing a discharge strategy which will be informed by Dartington Research, this will support us with exiting children from care safely.

Appendix 6(b) - Exception Reports (End of Year 2016/2017)

Indicator Description	Better to be?
% of children who became subject to a child protection plan for a second or subsequent time	Low

2014/15	2015/16	2016/17				
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Target
18.2%	19.1%	22.5%	16.6%	19.4%	20.2%	Decrease on last year

Direction of Travel			
Current vs. Q3 (16/17)	Current vs. EoY (15/16)	Current vs. England (15/16)	Current vs. Stat Neighbour (15/16)
↑*	↑*	↑*	↑*



Commentary:

This area of performance requires further audit activity to satisfy ourselves that thresholds are being appropriately applied. Refreshed threshold guidance has been developed by the multi-agency safeguarding board and is being briefed across partners to implement from the 1 September 2017. A new risk assessment model is being identified to support risk management within children's social care services.

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Report to:	RESILIENT COMMUNITIES AND CHILDREN'S SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Chris Kelly, Acting Scrutiny Manager.
Date of Meeting	29 June 2017

SCRUTINY WORKPLAN

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 The Committee to consider the Workplan, together with any suggestions that Members may wish to make for scrutiny review.

2.0 Recommendations:

2.1 To approve the Committee Workplan, taking into account any suggestions for amendment or addition.

2.2 To monitor the implementation of the Committee's recommendations/actions.

3.0 Reasons for recommendations:

3.1 To ensure the Workplan is up to date and is an accurate representation of the Committee's work.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? N/A

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is 'Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience.'

5.0 Background Information

5.1 Scrutiny Workplan

5.1.1 The Scrutiny Committee Workplan is attached at Appendix 7(a). The Workplan is a flexible document that sets out the work that the Committee will undertake over the course of the year.

5.1.2 Committee Members are invited, either now or in the future, to suggest topics that might be suitable for scrutiny in order that they be added to the Workplan.

5.2 Scrutiny Review Checklist

5.2.1 The Scrutiny Review Checklist is attached at Appendix 7(b). The checklist forms part of the mandatory scrutiny procedure for establishing review panels and must therefore be completed and submitted for consideration by the Committee, prior to a topic being approved for scrutiny.

5.3 Implementation of Recommendations/Actions

5.3.1 The table attached to Appendix 7(c) has been developed to assist the Committee to effectively ensure that the recommendations made by the Committee are acted upon. The table will be regularly updated and submitted to each Committee meeting.

5.3.2 Members are requested to consider the updates provided in the table and ask questions as appropriate.

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

List of Appendices:

Appendix 7(a): Resilient Communities and Children’s Scrutiny Committee Workplan

Appendix 7(b): Scrutiny Review Checklist

Appendix 7(c): Implementation of Recommendations/Actions

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 None.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 None.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 None.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 None.

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RESILIENT COMMUNITIES AND CHILDREN'S SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORKPLAN 2017/2018	
29 June 2017	Children's Overview Report Council Plan Overview Report
7 Sept 2017	Children's Overview Report Children's Services – Demand Management and Early Help Thresholds Thematic Discussion: Neglect Corporate Parent Panel Annual Report
19 Oct 2017	Children's Overview Report Education Attainment Priority Two – Key Priority report: Young People BSCB Annual Report
7 Dec 2017	Children's Overview Report - Priority Two – Key Priority report: Safeguarding Leisure Services Overview report
8 Feb 2018	Children's Overview Report Thematic Discussion: Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse – to include inter-familial abuse
12 April 2018	Children's Overview Report - Thematic Discussion: Looked After Children - Priority Two – Key Priority report: Community
7 June 2018	Annual Council Plan Performance report on relevant Priority Two projects, complete with 'Blackpool Outcomes' – for summer 2018

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SCRUTINY SELECTION CHECKLIST

Title of proposed Scrutiny:

The list is intended to assist the relevant scrutiny committee in deciding whether or not to approve a topic that has been suggested for scrutiny.

Whilst no minimum or maximum number of 'yes' answers are formally required, the relevant scrutiny committee is recommended to place higher priority on topics related to the performance and priorities of the Council.

Please expand on how the proposal will meet each criteria you have answered 'yes' to.

	Yes/No
The review will add value to the Council and/or its partners overall performance:	
The review is in relation to one or more of the Council's priorities:	
The Council or its partners are not performing well in this area:	
It is an area where a number of complaints (or bad press) have been received:	
The issue is strategic and significant:	
There is evidence of public interest in the topic:	
The issue has potential impact for one or more sections of the community:	
Service or policy changes are planned and scrutiny could have a positive input:	
Adequate resources (both members and officers) are available to carry out the scrutiny:	

Please give any further details on the proposed review:

Completed by:

Date:

MONITORING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS

DATE OF REC	RECOMMENDATION	TARGET DATE	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	UPDATE	RAG RATING
04.02.16	To receive any action plans developed from the Serious Case Reviews and the details of lessons learnt for detailed consideration.	Tbc	Director of Children's Services	To be received at a future meeting. Members to determine if the item should form the basis of a thematic discussion.	Not yet due
17.03.16	The Committee agreed to receive a CSE update report once the Ofsted inspection had been undertaken.	Following inspection	Philippa Holmes	Date for update to be received once inspection has been undertaken.	Not yet due
13.10.16	To consider the new Blackpool Safeguarding Children Board Business Plan following its approval by the Blackpool Safeguarding Children Board.	April 2017	David Sanders / Paul Threlfall	To be added to workplan.	Overdue

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