

Report to:	CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Vicky Gent, Director of Children's Services
Date of Meeting:	24 March 2022

CHILDREN'S SERVICES MONITORING VISIT FEEDBACK

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To receive details of the feedback from the Children's Services Monitoring Visit.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 For the Scrutiny Committee to have oversight in order to provide scrutiny, challenge and support.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 For Members of the Scrutiny 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.

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

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

4.0 Other alternative options to be considered:

4.1 No other alternative options to be considered.

5.0 Council priority:

5.1 The relevant Council priority is:

- Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience.

6.0 Background information

6.1 A monitoring visit of Blackpool's Children's Services took place on 11 and 12 January 2022. This was the fourth monitoring visit since the local authority had been judged inadequate in January 2019. Inspectors also completed a focused assurance visit to Blackpool in February 2021.

6.2 Attached at Appendix 5(a) is the written feedback received from Ofsted following the visit.

6.6 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

7.0 List of Appendices:

7.1 Appendix 5(a) – Monitoring Visit Feedback Letter.

8.0 Financial considerations:

8.1 None.

9.0 Legal considerations:

9.1 There are no legal implications to consider.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None.

11.0 Equalities considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:

12.1 There are no sustainability, climate change or environmental factors to consider.

13.0 Internal/external consultation undertaken:

13.1 None

14.0 Background papers:

14.1 None