

Report to:

**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE**

Relevant Officer:

Vicky Gent, Director of Children's Services

Date of Meeting:

8 December 2022

INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To receive a report on the outcomes of the Department for Education's (DfE) independent review of Children's Social Care.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 That the details of the Independent Review be noted.

2.2 That any areas for additional scrutiny be identified.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 To ensure scrutiny oversight of the recommendations of the review and the impact on Council services.

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 None.

5.0 Council priority:

5.1 The relevant Council priority is

- "Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience"

6.0 Background information

6.1 At its 28 September 2022 meeting Members of the Children and Young People’s Scrutiny Committee requested that a report be brought to the next meeting outlining the outcome of the DfE’s Independent Review of Children’s Social Care

6.2 Appendix 11(a) presents an abridged outline of the Independent Review of Children’s Social Care and Blackpool’s Children Principal Social Worker, Ms Kara Haskayne, initial reflections regarding Blackpool’s current position to deliver against the recommendations of the review and the potential impact of these on our practice, Blackpool Families Rock culture, the workforce and the wider partnership.

6.3 Appendix 11(b) presents a summary of the market facing recommendations of the Competition and Market Authority (CMA) and Josh MacAlister (JM) Children’s Review.

6.4 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? Yes/No

7.0 List of Appendices:

7.1 Appendix 11(a) - Independent Review of Children’s Social Care Review - Final Report
Recommendations

Appendix 11(b) - Summary of the market facing recommendations of the Competition and Market Authority (CMA) and Josh MacAlister (JM) Children’s Review

8.0 Financial considerations:

8.1 None.

9.0 Legal considerations:

9.1 None.

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 None.

13.0 Internal/external consultation undertaken:

13.1 None.

14.0 Background papers:

14.1 None.