

Birmingham City Council

Education and Children's Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Subject: Ofsted Inspection of Birmingham Children's Services (ILACS) – 20 February to 3 March 2023

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1 Purpose

- 1.1 To provide a verbal precis on the Ofsted ILACS inspection which took place from 20 February to 3 March 2023. The full inspection report is appended.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Members to note the Ofsted findings and the overall judgement of 'Good'.

3 Any Finance Implications

- 3.1 Not applicable.

4 Any Legal Implications

- 4.1 Birmingham children's services were inspected in line with the framework for inspecting local authority children's services (ILACS).
- 4.2 Birmingham Children's Trust was established in 2017 as a wholly owned company of Birmingham City Council following formal intervention by the Department for Education. The Trust delivers statutory Children's Social Care services on behalf of the Council through a commissioning arrangement and formally commenced operations in April 2018.

5 Any Equalities Implications

- 5.1 The Trust works with and supports vulnerable children, young people and families. The Ofsted report describes this work across a wide range of Trust services.

6 Appendices

- 6.1 Ofsted ILACS report.