

<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Schools</b>
<b>To:</b>	<b>Schools, Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>18 October 2017</b>

## **Progress Report on Implementation: Corporate Parenting Inquiry**

### **Review Information**

Date approved at City Council:	4 April 2017
Member who led the original review:	Cllr Susan Barnett
Lead Officer for the review:	Benita Wishart
Date progress last tracked:	This is the First Tracking Report

1. In approving this Inquiry the City Council asked me, as the appropriate Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Schools, to report on progress towards these recommendations to this Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
2. Details of progress with the remaining recommendations are shown in Appendix 2.
3. Members are therefore asked to consider progress against the recommendations and give their view as to how progress is categorized for each.

### **Appendices**

<b>1</b>	<b>Scrutiny Office guidance on the tracking process</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Recommendations you are tracking today</b>

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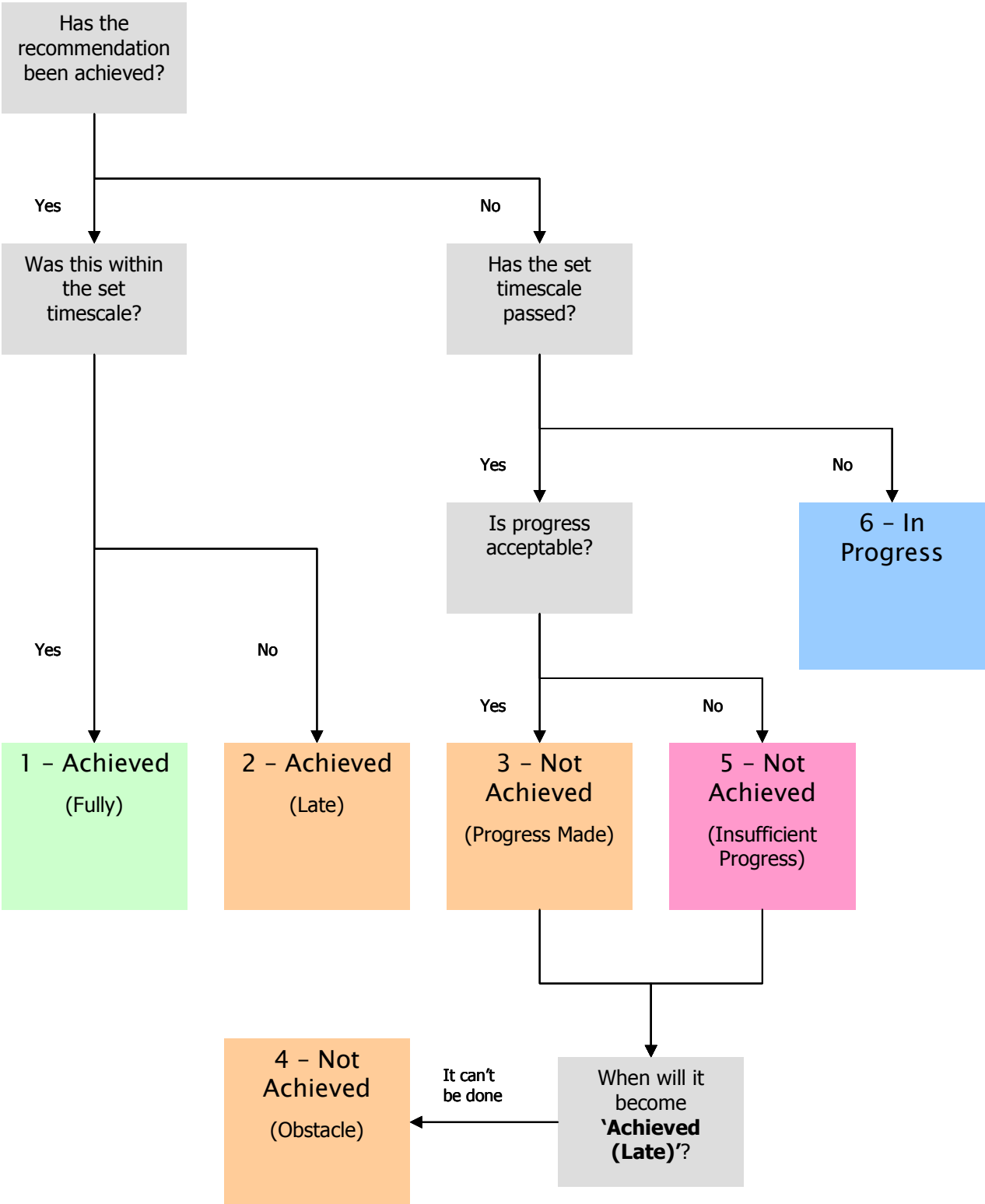
## Appendix 1: The Tracking Process

In making its assessment, the Committee may wish to consider:

- What progress/ key actions have been made against each recommendation?
- Are these actions pertinent to the measures required in the recommendation?
- Have the actions been undertaken within the time scale allocated?
- Are there any matters in the recommendation where progress is outstanding?
- Is the Committee satisfied that sufficient progress has been made and that the recommendation has been achieved?

Category	Criteria
<b>1: Achieved (Fully)</b>	The evidence provided shows that the recommendation has been fully implemented within the timescale specified.
<b>2: Achieved (Late)</b>	The evidence provided shows that the recommendation has been fully implemented but not within the timescale specified.
<b>3: Not Achieved (Progress Made)</b>	The evidence provided shows that the recommendation has not been fully achieved, but there has been significant progress made towards full achievement. <b>An anticipated date by which the recommendation is expected to become achieved must be advised.</b>
<b>4: Not Achieved (Obstacle)</b>	The evidence provided shows that the recommendation has not been fully achieved, but all possible action has been taken. Outstanding actions are prevented by obstacles beyond the control of the Council (such as passage of enabling legislation).
<b>5: Not Achieved (Insufficient Progress)</b>	The evidence provided shows that the recommendation has not been fully achieved and there has been insufficient progress made towards full achievement. <b>An anticipated date by which the recommendation is expected to become achieved must be advised.</b>
<b>6: In Progress</b>	It is not appropriate to monitor achievement of the recommendation at this time because the timescale specified has not yet expired.

The Tracking Process



## Appendix 2: Progress with Recommendations

No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Original Date For Completion	Cabinet Member's Assessment
R01	Councillors to commit to at least one activity from the 'menu of involvement'. This will then be published on the Council's website. A follow-up survey will be undertaken by the Scrutiny Office in nine months requesting an update from Councillors on this.	All Councillors	April 2017	3 – Not achieved (progress made)

### Evidence of Progress (and Anticipated Completion Date if 'Not Achieved')

105 (87%) Councillors completed the menu of involvement and this was published on the City Council's website in June 2017. The delay was mainly due to the timing of the general election in May.

The Scrutiny Office will send out the survey requesting an update from the Councillors in January 2018.

No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Original Date For Completion	Cabinet Member's Assessment
R02	The menu of involvement for Councillors is developed into a corporate parenting handbook for Councillors for May 2018. This will include providing Councillors with examples of how they can undertake each task.	Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Schools	May 2018	6 – In progress

### Evidence of Progress (and Anticipated Completion Date if 'Not Achieved')

Work is about to commence on this recommendation. A handbook will be created along with an interactive film. This will be completed within timescale.

No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Original Date For Completion	Cabinet Member's Assessment
R03	Training is offered to Councillors in the first couple of weeks of becoming a Councillor.	Deputy Leader	May 2018	6 – In progress

### Evidence of Progress (and Anticipated Completion Date if 'Not Achieved')

Training was completed for new Councillors and will continue. We need to develop a new champion structure due to the changes in district structures.

No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Original Date For Completion	Cabinet Member's Assessment
R04	Every children's home in Birmingham that has a Birmingham child in care is visited by the end of July 2017 and the District Corporate Parent Champions ensure this happens.	District Corporate Parent Champions	July 2017	3 – Not Achieved (Progress Made)

### Evidence of Progress (and Anticipated Completion Date if 'Not Achieved')

There are 56 children's homes in Birmingham. 20 homes have not yet been visited by elected members. 12 children's homes with Birmingham children in them have not had a visit.

Of these 20, 8 do not have any BCC children, so whilst we might encourage an elected member to make contact with the home and introduce themselves and they may like to visit the home to gain an understanding of the service in their ward, there is no direct Corporate Parenting role for Birmingham children.

<b>No.</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Original Date For Completion</b>	<b>Cabinet Member's Assessment</b>
R05	Supporting documentation for completing cabinet reports includes a requirement that consideration is given as to any impact of the proposals on children in care. If there are likely impacts, the cabinet report should include this in the body of the report.	Cabinet Member for Transparency, Openness and Equality	October 2017	1 – Fully Achieved

**Evidence of Progress (and Anticipated Completion Date if 'Not Achieved')**

The constitution was revised by Council at its meeting on 11th July 2017 and the following inserted in section 12 (Executive reports process) as part of the revised report template for all executive reports. This can be found at page 119, paragraph 5 :

Members are reminded of their Corporate Parenting responsibility when considering Cabinet reports. You should always consider what impact a particular decision may have on children in care, whether this is direct or indirect. If there are likely impacts, the Cabinet report should include this in the body of the report. At all times you should be thinking "What does this mean for children in care?" when carrying out council business.

<b>No.</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Original Date For Completion</b>	<b>Cabinet Member's Assessment</b>
R06	The AD, Children in Care Provider Services presents an annual Corporate Parenting Board report to the Schools, Children and Families O&S Committee.	Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Schools	February 2018	6 – In progress

**Evidence of Progress (and Anticipated Completion Date if 'Not Achieved')**

The annual Corporate Parenting Board report will be presented to the Schools, Children and Families O&S Committee on the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

<b>No.</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Original Date For Completion</b>	<b>Cabinet Member's Assessment</b>
R07	Progress towards achievement of these recommendations should be reported to the Schools, Children and Families O&S Committee no later than October 2017. Subsequent progress reports will be scheduled by the Committee thereafter, until all recommendations are implemented.	Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Schools	October 2017	1 – Achieved Fully

**Evidence of Progress (and Anticipated Completion Date if 'Not Achieved')**

An update is being provided at today's meeting and a further update will be provided.