



**Subject:** OFSTED INSPECTION OF BIRMINGHAM  
CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE SERVICES DECEMBER  
2018

**Report of:** Corporate Director for Education & Skills

**Relevant Cabinet  
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**Relevant O &S  
Chair(s):** Cllr Mohammed Aikhlaq, Children's Social Care

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## **1 Executive Summary**

- 1.1 To share the findings of the December 2018 Ofsted inspection of children's social care services.

## **2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 Cabinet is requested to note the content of the attached Ofsted report which was published on 17 January 2019.

## **3 Background**

- 3.1 Birmingham children's services have been rated inadequate by Ofsted for over a decade. The December 2018 inspection report (attached as Appendix 1) has judged children's social care services as "requiring improvement to be good".

## **4 Options considered and Recommended Proposal**

- 4.1 Cabinet is asked to note and welcome the improvements made and the focus of the work still to be done, as summarised on page 3 of the attached Ofsted Inspection report.

## **5 Consultation**

- 5.1 Not directly applicable as this report shares the findings of the Ofsted inspection.

## **6 Risk Management**

- 6.1 An action plan to address areas in need of improvement in the Ofsted report will be drawn up and agreed with Ofsted. This will be shared with the Operational Commissioning Group (the group which regularly reviews the Trust's performance against the contractual agreement).

## **7 Compliance Issues:**

### **7.1 How are the recommended decisions consistent with the City Council's priorities, plans and strategies?**

- 7.1.1 The Ofsted findings and subsequent addressing of actions summarised for improvement will support the Council Plan 2018 – 2022 and particularly outcome 2 'Birmingham is an aspirational city to grow up in' and its related priorities.

### **7.2 Legal Implications**

- 7.1.2 The inspection was carried out under section 136 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 in relation to children's social care functions conferred on the local authority.

### **7.3 Financial Implications**

- 7.3.1 Not directly applicable as this report shares the findings of the Ofsted inspection.

### **7.4 Public Sector Equality Duty**

- 7.4.1 Not directly applicable as this report shares the findings of the Ofsted inspection.

## **8 Background Documents**

### **8.1 List of Appendices accompanying this Report:**

1. Ofsted Inspection of Children's Social Care Services Report