

**To the Chair and Members of the
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE’S OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL**

Children’s Services Progress Report: A Year of Improvement

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)	Wards Affected	Key Decision
Councillor Nuala Fennelly lead Member for Children’s Services Councillor Tony Corden, Support to lead Member for Children’s Services with a focus on Safeguarding.	All	None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. This report presents an update of the “Children’s Services Progress Report: A Year of Improvement” which will be made available on the 17th September 2014 as a report going to Council on the 25th September 2014.

EXEMPT INFORMATION

2. Not exempt.

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. The Panel is asked to receive and comment on the information provided within the report going to Council on the 25th September 2014.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?

4. The Overview and Scrutiny function has the potential to impact upon all of the Council’s key objectives by holding decision makers to account, reviewing performance and developing policy. This is achieved through making robust recommendations, monitoring performance of Council and external partners and reviewing issues outside the remit of the Council that have an impact on the residents of the borough.

BACKGROUND

5. Eleanor Brazil, Director Children and Young People's Service will provide an update based on the report "Children's Services Progress Report: A Year of Improvement" for the 25th September 2014 Council meeting.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

6. There are no specific options to consider within this report as it provides an opportunity for the Panel to discuss the "Children's Services Progress Report: A Year of Improvement".

IMPACT ON COUNCIL'S KEY OBJECTIVES

	Priority	Implications
1	<p>We will support a strong economy where businesses can locate, grow and employ local people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Creating Jobs and Housing</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Be a strong voice for our veterans</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Protecting Doncaster's vital services</i> 	<p>The Overview and Scrutiny function has the potential to impact upon all of the council's key objectives by holding decision makers to account, reviewing performance and developing policy through robust recommendations, monitoring performance of council and external partners services and reviewing issues outside the remit of the council that have an impact on the residents of the borough.</p> <p>This issue has a direct impact on helping children live safe, healthily and active in a safe environment whilst ensure the governance between the Children's Board, Scrutiny and partners is working effectively.</p>
2	<p>We will help people to live safe, healthy, active and independent lives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Safeguarding our Communities</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Bringing down the cost of living</i> 	
3	<p>We will make Doncaster a better place to live, with cleaner, more sustainable communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Creating Jobs and Housing</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Safeguarding our Communities</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Bringing down the cost of living</i> 	
4	<p>We will support all families to thrive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Protecting Doncaster's vital services</i> 	

5	We will deliver modern value for money services.	
6	We will provide strong leadership and governance, working in partnership.	

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7. There are no specific legal implications arising from this report, any specific implications will be outlined in the Council report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. There are no specific financial implications arising from this report, any specific implications are outlined in the Council report.

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Background Papers:

Council Report for 25th September 2014 – Children’s Services Progress Report: A Year of Improvement” – to be published on the 17th September 2014

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