

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

**THE LOCAL AUTHORITY INSPECTION OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ARRANGEMENTS**

<b>Relevant Cabinet Member(s)</b>	<b>Wards Affected</b>	<b>Key Decision</b>
Councillor Nuala Fennelly Cabinet Member for Education and Skills and Lead Member for Children’s Services	All	No

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. Following the Local Authority Inspection of School Improvement Arrangements, a report has been received by the Local Authority detailing the assessed progress to date by the Ofsted inspection team.

The inspection findings will be published on the Ofsted website on 1 July and a copy of the report will be circulated to all members of the Panel once released from official embargo.

**EXEMPT INFORMATION**

2. Not exempt.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

3. The Panel is asked to consider and comment on the supporting report.

**WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?**

4. The published report assesses the progress that is being made by schools, academies, and the local authority school improvement service to support children in Doncaster achieve the best possible results in relation to their peers nationally and thereby support their preparedness for further education and/or employment.

## BACKGROUND AND ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

5. The Ofsted inspection of Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council's arrangements for supporting school improvement took place between 23 and 27 March 2015. The inspection was carried out under section 136(1) (b) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006.

The report recognizes the positive political and officer leadership that is driving forward improvements, as well as noting the good working relationships with schools and between schools. The areas that are identified for development are consistent with our action plan, and are being addressed.

## OPTIONS CONSIDERED

7. There are no specific options to consider within this report as it provides an opportunity for Members to discuss the assurance report by the Chair of the Doncaster Safeguarding Childrens Board

## 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"> <li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Creating Jobs and Housing</i></li> <li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Be a strong voice for our veterans</i></li> <li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Protecting Doncaster's vital services</i></li> </ul>	<p>Good education enables us to prepare our children and young people for employment in the future. In turn helping the economy to grow and flourish.</p>
2	<p>We will help people to live safe, healthy, active and independent lives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Safeguarding our Communities</i></li> <li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Bringing down the cost of living</i></li> </ul>	
3	<p>We will make Doncaster a better place to live, with cleaner, more sustainable communities.</p>	

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4	<p>We will support all families to thrive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Protecting Doncaster's vital services</i></li> </ul>	A good education supports families to thrive by preparing children and young people for employment.
5	We will deliver modern value for money services.	
6	We will provide strong leadership and governance, working in partnership.	

## RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

8. There are no specific risks and assumptions with this cover report.

## LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9. The Council's Constitution states that subject to matters being referred to it by the Full Council, or the Executive and any timetables laid down by those references Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee will determine its own Work Programme (Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 6a).
10. Specific legal implications and advice will be given with any reports when Overview and Scrutiny have received them as items for consideration.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

11. The budget for the support of the Overview and Scrutiny function 2014/15 is not affected by this report however, and work undertaken needs to take place within agreed budgets. There are no specific financial implications arising from this report and will be addressed separately in the report to be circulated.

## EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

12. Within its programme of work Overview and Scrutiny gives due consideration to the extent to which the Council has complied with its Public Equality Duty and given due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, promote equality of opportunity and

foster good relations between different communities.

## **CONSULTATION**

13. No consultation has been undertaken for this report, it will be addressed separately in the report to be circulated.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

14. None

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