

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SCRUTINY PANEL		
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - PERFORMANCE		
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> JUNE 2015		
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES		
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#### **STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY**

None

#### **BRIEF SUMMARY**

At the meeting the Interim Head of Children and Family Services will be providing the Panel with an overview of performance across the division and developing understanding of the performance indicators, attached as Appendix 1, used to measure performance.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- (i) That the Panel consider and challenge the performance of Children and Family Services in Southampton.

#### **REASON FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. To enable effective scrutiny of children and family services in Southampton.

#### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

2. None.

#### **DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)**

3. In 2014/15 the OSMC agreed to establish a Children and Families Scrutiny Panel to provide robust scrutiny of Children and Families Services in Southampton.
4. To enable the Panel to undertake this role effectively members will be provided with appropriate performance information on a monthly basis and an explanation of the measures.
5. The performance information for May 2015 is attached at Appendix 1. The Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Social Care and the Interim Head of Service have been invited to attend the meeting and provide the performance overview.

#### **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

##### **Capital/Revenue**

6. None.

**Property/Other**

7. None

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

**Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:**

8. The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Part 1A Section 9 of the Local Government Act 2000.

**Other Legal Implications:**

9. None

**POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS**

10. Improving the effectiveness of the political scrutiny of children's safeguarding will help contribute to the following priorities within the Council Strategy:

- Protecting vulnerable people
- Prevention and early intervention.

**KEY DECISION?** No

<b>WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:</b>	None directly as a result of this report
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**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

**Appendices**

1.	Children and Families Scrutiny Panel Dataset – May 2015
2.	Significant Performance Variations – May 2015

**Documents In Members' Rooms**

1.	None
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**Equality Impact Assessment**

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) to be carried out.	No
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**Other Background Documents**

**Equality Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:**

Title of Background Paper(s)      Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)

1.	None	
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