DECISION-MAKER:	CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SCRUTINY PANEL
SUBJECT:	CHILDREN AND LEARNING - PERFORMANCE
DATE OF DECISION:	31 MARCH 2022
REPORT OF:	SERVICE DIRECTOR – LEGAL AND BUSINESS OPERATIONS

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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

None

BRIEF SUMMARY

Attached as Appendix 1 is a summary of performance for Children's Services up to the end of February 2022. At the meeting the Cabinet Member and senior managers from Children's Services and Learning will be providing the Panel with an overview of performance across the division.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(i) That the Panel consider and challenge the performance of Children's Services and Learning in Southampton.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To enable effective scrutiny of Children's Services and Learning in Southampton.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

2. None.

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

- 3. To enable the Panel to undertake their role effectively members will be provided with monthly performance information and an explanation of the measures.
- 4. Performance information up to 28 February 2022 is attached as Appendix 1. An explanation of the significant variations in performance has been included.
- 5. The Cabinet Member for Children's Social Care, and representatives from the Children's Services and Learning Senior Management Team, have been invited to attend the meeting to provide the performance overview.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue/Property/Other

6. None directly as a result of this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

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

Other Legal Implications:

8. None

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

9. None

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

10. The 2021-2025 Corporate Plan sets out the following regarding wellbeing in the city: "We want a city in which people can start well, live well, age well, and live happy and fulfilling lives. We will be a city that prevents and intervenes early, promotes wellbeing, and allows people to live independently for longer, enjoying their lives and all our great city has to offer."

Aligned to this, priorities in the Corporate Plan include the following:

- Reduce the number of children looked after
- Achieve our ambition to become a UNICEF Child Friendly City by 2024/25.

KEY DE	CISION?	No			
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:		FECTED:	None		
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION					
Appendices					
1.	Summary of performance and commentary – February 2022				
2.	Glossary of terms				

Documents In Members' Pooms

Documents In Members' Rooms							
1.	None						
Equality Impact Assessment							
Do the Impact	No						
Data P	Data Protection Impact Assessment						
Do the Assess	No						
Other Background Documents							
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						