

<b>Chief Officer Confirmation of Report Submission</b> <b>Cabinet Member Confirmation of Briefing</b> Report for: <b>Mayor</b> <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>Key Decision</b> <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> April 2011
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<b>Title of Report</b>	Ofsted Inspection of Safeguarding & Looked After Children
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<b>Originator of Report</b>	Ian Smith	<b>Ext. 48140</b>
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At the time of submission for the Agenda, I confirm that the report has:

Category	Yes	No
Financial Comments from Exec Director for Resources		X
Legal Comments from the Head of Law		X
Crime & Disorder Implications		X
Environmental Implications		X
Equality Implications/Impact Assessment (as appropriate)		X
Confirmed Adherence to Budget & Policy Framework		X
Risk Assessment Comments (as appropriate)		X
Reason for Urgency (as appropriate)		X

Signed:  Executive Member

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> March 2012

Signed:  Executive Director

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> March 2012

**Control Record by Committee Support**

Action	Date
Listed on Schedule of Business/Forward Plan (if appropriate)	
Draft Report Cleared at Agenda Planning Meeting (not delegated decisions)	
Submitted Report from CO Received by Committee Support	
Scheduled Date for Call-in (if appropriate)	
To be Referred to Full Council	

## MAYOR AND CABINET

<b>Report Title</b>	Result of Ofsted's Inspection of Safeguarding and Looked After Children's Services		
<b>Key Decision</b>	No		<b>Item No.</b>
<b>Ward</b>	All		
<b>Contributors</b>	Executive Director for Children and Young People		
<b>Class</b>	Open	<b>Date:</b> 11 April 2012	

### 1 Purpose

- 1.1 This report and attachment informs the Mayor and Cabinet of the results of Ofsted's Inspection of Safeguarding and Looked After Children's Services.

### 2 Background

- 2.1 The inspection was carried out between the 6<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February 2012 and is part of the arrangements for Ofsted's inspection of Local Authority services for Safeguarding and Looked After Children. The inspection was a joint inspection between Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission. The London Borough of Lewisham received two weeks notice of the inspection during which time a number of reports and audits needed to be completed for the inspectors to read when they were on site. The two week inspection period itself consisted of four inspectors from Ofsted being on site for two weeks and an inspector from the Care Quality Commission being on site for the first week. The process was that the inspectors carried out 85 focus groups with elected members, staff, parents and young people. They also spent time examining our procedures and policies as well as a review of 71 case files.
- 2.2 The attached report is the report of the findings of the Inspection.
- 2.3 In order to reach their judgement about the quality of services within Lewisham the inspectors graded on 22 different areas. 10 of these areas are for safeguarding and 12 for Looked After Children. They then provided an overall grade for the overall effectiveness of our safeguarding services and our services for Looked After Children. A full summary of the gradings can be found on page 41 of their report. Services were graded on whether they are inadequate, adequate, good or outstanding.

- 2.4 The outcome for Lewisham was that the inspectors found that our services for safeguarding children are outstanding. Our services for Looked After Children are good. Of the 22 judgements that they made 12 of them were outstanding. Inspectors were particularly impressed by many aspects of safeguarding practice and also by the strength of our partnerships and the general involvement of our young people in the borough. The report is a credit to front-line workers, including our social workers and those who work to intervene early in our schools and health services.
- 2.5 At the time of writing this report only two other authorities in the country have been given an outstanding for their safeguarding services. No authority in the country has received an outstanding for the Looked After Children's Services.

### **3 Recommendation**

- 3.1 The Mayor is asked to note the results of the inspection of safeguarding and Looked After Children's Services by Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission as detailed in the report attached to this report.

### **4. Recommendations arising from the inspection**

- 4.1 The report is very positive about our services overall as can be seen by the grades awarded. 11 formal recommendations were made by the inspectors and these are set out on pages 7 and 25 of the report. Actions relating to these recommendations are already in hand and will be monitored through the performance management structures of the Children and Young People's Partnership, including the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Board and the Lewisham Safeguarding Children Board.

### **5 Financial Implications**

- 5.1 There are no financial implications from this report.

### **6 Legal Implications**

- 6.1 This inspection was carried out under the Children Act 2004.

### **7 Equalities Implications**

- 7.1 There are no direct equalities implications from this report.

### **8 Crime and disorder Implications**

- 8.1 There are no direct or indirect Crime and Disorder implications arising from this report.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Appendix 1 Inspection of Safeguarding and Looked After Children's Services  
London Borough of Lewisham report published 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2012.

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