

**Chief Officer Confirmation of Report Submission
Cabinet Member Confirmation of Briefing**

Report for: Mayor
 Mayor and Cabinet
 Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts)
 Executive Director
 Information Part 1 Part 2 Key Decision

Date of Meeting 19th January 2011

Title of Report Results of Ofsted's annual unannounced inspection of children's contact, referral and assessment arrangements

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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)		

Signed:  Executive Member

Date: 10/01/2011

Signed:  Director/Head of Service

Date 10/01/2011

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

Report Title	Results of Ofsted's annual unannounced inspection of children's contact, referral and assessment arrangements		
Key Decision	No		Item No. 15
Ward	All		
Contributors	Executive Director for Children and Young People		
Class	Open	Date: 19 January 2011	

1 Purpose

- 1.1 This report and attachment informs Mayor and Cabinet of the results Ofsted's annual unannounced inspection of contact, referral and assessment arrangements within the Council's children's services.
- 1.2 The inspection was carried out on the 16th and 17th November 2010 and is part of the arrangements Ofsted introduced in 2009/10. This is the second unannounced inspection that has been undertaken in Lewisham following a previous unannounced inspection on the 2nd and 3rd March 2010. On this latest occasion the inspection involved two on-site inspectors undertaking case auditing and interviewing of social workers and managers. The Inspectors examined 37 cases in detail and their conclusions reflect this investigation.
- 1.3 The attached letter with the results of the inspection details two strengths and two areas for development. There were no areas requiring priority action identified by the inspectors.
- 1.4 The attached letter was published on Ofsted's website on 15 December 2010.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 The Mayor is asked to note the results of Ofsted's annual unannounced inspection of contact, referral and assessment arrangements within Lewisham children's services as detailed in the letter attached to this report.

3 Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no financial implications from this report.

4 Legal Implications

- 4.1 The inspection was carried out under section 138 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006.

5 Equalities Implications

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

6 Crime and disorder Implications

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

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Letter dated 15 December 2010 from C. Sands, Her Majesty's Inspector, Ofsted to Frankie Sulke, Executive Director for Children and Young People, London Borough of Lewisham.

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