

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER 2025

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on Tuesday, 2 September 2025. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording which will appear in the minutes.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Damien Buckley (Tel: 0116 305 0183).

Webcast.

A webcast of the meeting can be viewed here.

ITEM8

TRANSFORMING SEND AND INCLUSION IN LEICESTERSHIRE (TSIL) PROGRAMME SUMMARY AND HIGH NEEDS BLOCK UPDATE.

- a) That the summary of the work and impact of the Transforming SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) and Inclusion in Leicestershire (TSIL) programme, the progress since the update considered by the Committee on 5 September 2024, programme impact and next steps, as well as an overview of the current High Needs Block financial position, be noted.
- b) That the Director of Children and Family Services be requested to provide the Committee with an update on SEND and Inclusion, and the High Needs Block financial position, at a future meeting.

ITEM 9

CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE STATUTORY COMPLAINTS AND COMPLIMENTS ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25.

- a) That the summary of the Children's Social Care Statutory Complaints and Compliments Annual Report for 2024/25, be noted.
- b) That the Director of Children and Family Services be requested to provide the Committee with correct data relating to errors contained within the report.

PAPER

DECISION

- c) That the Director of Children and Family Services be requested to include case studies relating to the outcome of complaints, as part of a future report.
- d) That the Director of Children and Family Services be requested to provide the Committee with information relating to complaints which had been investigated by the Local Government and Social care Ombudsman.

ITEM 10

CHILDREN IN NEED OF HELP AND PROTECTION.

That the overview of work in undertaken the Children and Family Department in relation to children within Leicestershire that require Help and Protection, be noted.

ITEM 11

LEICESTERSHIRE MUSIC OVERVIEW REPORT.

- a) That the latest achievements and impact, as well as the funding and governance arrangements for Leicestershire Music, as the Lead organisation for the Leicestershire Music Hub, be noted.
- b) That the Director of Children and Family Services be requested to provide the Committee with a report on the Leicestershire Music service annually.

ITEM 12

QUARTER 1 2025-26 PERFORMANCE REPORT.

- a) That the update on the Children and Family Services Department's performance for the period April to June 2025 (Quarter 1), be noted.
- b) That the Director of Children and Family Services be requested to include a breakdown of reasons for which parents had chosen to electively home educate children within a future report relating to inclusion.

ITEM 13

DRAFT LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP YEARLY REPORT 2024-25.

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- a) That the draft yearly report assessing the impact of the work undertaken in 2024/25 on safeguarding outcomes for children in Leicestershire and Rutland be noted.
- b) That the views expressed by the Committee would be presented to the Cabinet at its meeting on 12 September 2025.

ITEM 14 INDEPENDENT REVIEWING OFFICER SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT 2024 – 2025.

That the summary and contents of the Independent Reviewing Officer Annual Report for 2024 – 2025, be noted.