

COUNTY COUNCIL : 5 DECEMBER 2007**POSITION STATEMENT BY THE LEAD MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND
YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE**

- I am pleased to report that the Annual Performance Assessment has judged Leicestershire Children's Service to be good with outstanding features. The management of services for children and young people is judged to be excellent. Ofsted say that the leadership of CYPS is active, visible and effective and has the trust of partners and leaders. All aspects of the work of Leicestershire CYPS are judged to be of good quality. The contribution made by children and young people is judged to be outstanding. Ofsted inspectors note that the number of schools in Ofsted categories has reduced significantly and that attainment is rising. A copy of this very positive inspection report will be circulated to all members.
- In the Audit Commission School Survey published in October 2007 Leicestershire headteachers report that the leadership of County Council Officers and Elected Members is effective.
- Our schools continue to perform well. Dorothy Goodman Special School, Forest Way Special School, Launde Primary, Harby CE Primary School and Swithland St Leonards CE Primary School all were judged to be outstanding in Ofsted inspections this term and 11 other schools inspected since September were judged to be of good quality.
- GCSE results this year are at their highest ever levels. Over 60% of our 16 year olds attained 5 A*-C GCSE's. Our upper schools attained their best ever results and Burleigh College in Loughborough received a Specialist Schools and Academies Trust award as a result of a 15% improvement in GCSE scores.
- I am pleased to be able to report that the new gifted and talented network –E-Pal has over 400 young people involved. All these achievements have been recognised nationally and DSCF have informed us that they wish to fund a new 'Playing for Success' study support centre at Beaumanor Hall that will provide additional learning opportunities for under-achieving groups of children and young people. I believe that the Secretary of State referred to this new initiative in Leicestershire in his speech on 4th December at Wembley Stadium.