



Report to the Education, Skills and Children's Services Select Committee

Title:	Improving Children's Social Care – Children's Services Improvement Plans
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Electoral divisions affected:	All

There is a confidential appendix, which is exempt by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 because it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

Purpose of Agenda Item

The purpose of this item is to consider the Draft Buckinghamshire Children's Services Improvement Plan and the Draft Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children Improvement Plan and to make any comments or recommendations to Cabinet before the plans are submitted to the Department for Education, as a part of the Improving Children's Social Care Select Committee Inquiry.

Background

The Improving Children's Social Care Select Committee Inquiry was established by the Select Committee on 8th September 2014 to review the plans for the improvement of Children's Services resulting from the 2014 Ofsted Inspection. The Inquiry is to consider:

- i. the arrangements to be put in place for the improvement of Children's Services, as detailed in the Draft Improvement Plans and whether these meet all of the key areas for improvement highlighted in the Ofsted Inspection report.
- ii. the arrangements in place for improvement of effective partnership working, including the Buckinghamshire Safer Partnership Board, and
- iii. identify and consider, in-depth, specific key areas for improvement highlighted in the Draft Improvement Plan.

Summary

This report presents the Draft Buckinghamshire Children's Services Improvement Plan, at Appendix 1 and the Draft Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children Improvement Plan, at Appendix B (confidential).

Resource implications

There are no anticipated resource financial or resource implications arising from the Select Committee Inquiry. The financial and recourse implications arising from the improvement of children's services and the Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children Improvement Plan will be considered as part of the Select Committee Inquiry.

Members will notice in the draft Improvement Plan the bulk of actions are cost neutral, some do require investment.

Next steps

Following consideration of the Draft Buckinghamshire Children's Services Improvement Plan and the Draft Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children Improvement Plan the Committee may make comments or recommendations to Cabinet before the plans are submitted to the Department for Education, as a part of the Improving Children's Social Care Select Committee Inquiry.