



# Buckinghamshire County Council Select Committee

Education, Skills and Children's Services Select Committee

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

<b>Title:</b>	Improving Children's Social Care – Letter of Response from Cabinet Member Children's Services
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<b>Electoral divisions affected:</b>	All

### Purpose of Agenda Item

The purpose of this item is to consider the Letter of Response to the Select Committee Chairman's letter to the Cabinet Member for Children's Services, which outlined the Committee's comments on the Draft Buckinghamshire Children's Services Improvement Plan and the Draft Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children Improvement Plan, as a part of the Improving Children's Social Care Select Committee Inquiry. The Letter of Response from the Cabinet Member for Children's Services is attached at Appendix 2. The Letter of Recommendation from the Education, Skills and Children's Services Select Committee is attached at Appendix 1.

### Background

The Improving Children's Social Care Select Committee Inquiry was established by the Select Committee on 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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.

### **Next steps**

The Select Committee Inquiry on Improving Children's Social Care will continue in 2015 and is due to report in April 2015.

In addition, the Select Committee has agreed to monitor implementation of the Buckinghamshire Children's Services Improvement Plan and the Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board (BSCB) Improvement Plan throughout 2015-2016.

### **Appendix**

**Appendix 1:** The Letter of Response from the Cabinet Member for Children's Services.

**Appendix 2:** The Letter of Recommendation from the Education, Skills and Children's Services Select Committee.