

## Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 12 October 2017

### Report of the Director of Children's Services

#### Part I

Electoral Divisions affected:  
All

### Children's Services Continuous Improvement Plan

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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#### Executive Summary

This report introduces an overarching set of priorities and activity that will build and sustain the delivery of safe and effective practice that protects vulnerable children and young people.

#### Recommendation

The Cabinet is recommended to approve the Continuous Improvement Plan and the priorities for Children's Services as set out in the Plan.

#### Background and Advice

In March 2016, the Council published a significant plan of work that responded to the recommendations made by Ofsted in the 2015 inspection report. Good progress has been made in delivering the original [Improvement Plan](#) and the aim is to build on this and sustain and embed longer term improvements. Still taking the necessary corrective action to ensure that practice is safe and children and young people are protected but also to move the service into a steady and sustainable state.

#### Consultations

A draft of this Continuous Improvement Plan has been shared with staff across children's services, the Improvement Board and the Council's Management Team. Feedback has further informed and refined the Plan.

**Implications:**

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

**Risk management**

There are significant risks if the Council is not able to provide effective services that support and protect vulnerable children and young people.

**Financial**

The financial implications arising from any decisions or developments required to deliver actions outlined in the Children's Services Continuous Improvement Plan will be included in subsequent reports seeking the approval of Cabinet as required.

**List of Background Papers**

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
Ofsted Inspection Report	November 2015	Richard Cooke / 01772 531760

Reason for inclusion in Part II

N/A