

## Report to Scrutiny

Item Number:

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<b>Subject of Report:</b>	Draft Final Report of Scrutiny Review Panel 2 – 2020/2021: Children’s Services Ofsted Improvements
<b>Meeting:</b>	Scrutiny Review Panel 2 – 2020/2021: Children’s Services Ofsted Improvements 1 April 2021
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<b>Brief:</b>	To consider and agree the Panel’s initial Draft Final Report.
<b>Recommendations:</b>	That: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The initial Draft Final Report of Scrutiny Review Panel 2 – 2020/2021: Children’s Services Ofsted Improvements is agreed.</li> <li>2. Delegated authority is granted to the Overview and Scrutiny Officer, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Panel, to amend the final report for submission to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</li> <li>3. The Panel suggests topics for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider in the 2021/2022 municipal year.</li> </ol>

1.0 **Draft Final Report of Scrutiny Review Panel 2 – 2020/2021:  
Children’s Services Ofsted Improvements**

1.1 The initial ***Draft Final Report of Scrutiny Review Panel 2 – 2020/2021:  
Children’s Services Ofsted Improvements*** is attached as Appendix A to this report for the Panel’s consideration and agreement.

1.2 The Panel is also scheduled to review the ***Ealing Children Short Breaks Service*** at the meeting and its considerations will be incorporated in the next version of the Draft Final Report accordingly. As this meeting will agree the draft report as well as consider a final element of the topic, delegated authority is sought for the Overview and Scrutiny Officer to finalise the report to include any evidence submitted on this topic after the meeting. The Overview and Scrutiny Officer will consult with the Chair and Vice Chair before submitting the final report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

1.3 The Panel is asked to:

- review the draft report and confirm the contents and proposed recommendations set out in Section 7.0.
- note that the officer comments will be requested once the recommendations are finalised.
- agree that the Overview and Scrutiny Officer be granted delegated authority to make changes to the final report, in consultation with the Chair (Cllr Karanvir Dhadwal) and Vice Chair (Cllr Seema Kumar), for submission to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and thereafter to Cabinet.

**Scrutiny Topics for 2021/2022**

1.4 The Panel is asked to suggest topics for scrutiny in the 2021/2022 municipal year. The suggested topics will be included in the list of topics for selection by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

***Guidance on Selecting Topics***

1.5 The general guidance on selecting a scrutiny topic is that it should not have been scrutinised by a Panel in the last two years and be:

- specific (there is a clear remit/question to answer)
- achievable (in the time given and the resources available)
- likely to generate productive outcomes
- timely and relevant (a community or Council priority)
- of public interest

**2.0 Legal Implications**

2.1 The constitution requires that Scrutiny Review Panel recommendations be submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for approval before submission to Cabinet.

2.2 The general scrutiny functions and powers are set out in the Council Constitution (as amended).

2.3 Delegated authority for the Overview and Scrutiny Officer to amend the final report has been requested as outside of executive arrangements it is unlawful to delegate powers to individual Members. However, this delegation will only be exercised in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair to ensure any changes reflect the wishes of the Panel.

### **3.0 Financial Implications**

3.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. Support to the Scrutiny Panel is contained within the allocated budget. Value for money will be achieved from the Panel completing its brief to time and quality, with considered recommendations which will assist in achieving the objectives set out in the corporate plan. Each recommendation in the final report will (where applicable) clearly show the cost of implementing the proposal.

### **4.0 Other Implications**

4.1 There are no other implications arising.

### **5.0 Background Papers**

Ealing Council's Constitution, available at [https://www.ealing.gov.uk/info/201046/decision\\_making/597/council\\_constitution](https://www.ealing.gov.uk/info/201046/decision_making/597/council_constitution).

Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Agendas, Minutes and Reports, available at [http://ealing.cmis.uk.com/ealing/Committees/tabid/62/ctl/ViewCMIS\\_CommitteeDetails/mid/381/id/34/Default.aspx](http://ealing.cmis.uk.com/ealing/Committees/tabid/62/ctl/ViewCMIS_CommitteeDetails/mid/381/id/34/Default.aspx).

Scrutiny Review Panel 2 – 2020/2021: Children's Services Ofsted Improvements – Agendas, Minutes and Reports, available at [https://ealing.cmis.uk.com/ealing/Committees/tabid/62/ctl/ViewCMIS\\_CommitteeDetails/mid/381/id/325/Default.aspx](https://ealing.cmis.uk.com/ealing/Committees/tabid/62/ctl/ViewCMIS_CommitteeDetails/mid/381/id/325/Default.aspx).

Current agendas and reports are available at <http://ealing.cmis.uk.com/ealing/Committees.aspx>.

## **Report Consultation**

<b><i>Name of Consultee</i></b>	<b><i>Job Title</i></b>	<b><i>Date Sent to Consultee</i></b>	<b><i>Date Response Received from Consultee</i></b>	<b><i>Comments Appear in Report Para</i></b>
<b><i>Internal</i></b>				
Helen Harris	Director of Legal and Democratic Services	N/A		
Ross Brown	Chief Finance Officer	N/A		
Sam Bailey	Head of Democratic Services	19.03.21		
Cllr Karanvir Dhadwal	Panel Chair	05.03.21		
Cllr Seema Kumar	Panel Vice Chair	05.03.21		
Carolyn Fair	Director, Children and Families	05.03.21		
Gary Jones	Assistant Director, Children's Social Care	05.03.21		
Charles Barnard	Assistant Director Early Help & Special Educational Needs and Disability	05.03.21		
<b><i>External</i></b>				
None.				

## **Report History**

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