

		ITEM: 7
Thurrock Health and Wellbeing Board		
Ofsted Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services (ILACS)		
Wards and communities affected: All	Key Decision: Non-Key	
Report of: Sheila Murphy		
Accountable Director: Roger Harris, Corporate Director of Adults, Health and Housing and Interim Director of Children's Services		
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Executive Summary

This report is to update Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board on Thurrock's outcome from the Ofsted ILACS inspection undertaken between 11th and 22nd November 2019.

1. Recommendation(s)

1.1 That the Members of the Board are informed about Thurrock's outcome from the Ofsted ILACS.

2. Introduction and Background

2.1 The ILACS inspections by Ofsted focus on the effectiveness of local authority children's services and arrangements in these four areas:

- Impact of Leaders on social work practice with children and families
- The experiences and progress of children who need help and protection
- The experiences and progress of children in care and care leavers
- Overall effectiveness

Thurrock's children's social care last Ofsted inspection was in February 2016, when children's social care was judged to be 'require's improvement'. We were notified of the ILAC inspection on the 4th November, which is the off-site week. During this week we uploaded over 200 documents, produced audit reports of case work and

the Lead Inspector conducted some telephone interviews. The onsite weeks began on the 11th November and completed on the 22 November. During that period of time there were up to six Ofsted inspectors in the service. The inspectors came and sat alongside social workers and reviewed their cases directly with them. The inspectors looked at many cases in their 2 weeks of onsite work.

At the end of the Inspection Ofsted rated services as:

- Impact of Leaders on social work practice with children and families; **GOOD**
- The experiences and progress of children who need help and protection: **GOOD**
- The experiences and progress of children in care and care leavers: **GOOD**
- Overall effectiveness: **GOOD**

Please see the attached Ofsted report in full, which was published on the 20th December 2019.

3. Issues, Options and Analysis of Options

3.1 Thurrock's Ofsted ILAC report is attached at appendix 1.

4. Reasons for Recommendation

4.1 Members of the Board are aware of the outcome of the ILAC inspection, including the areas for development.

5. Consultation (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)

5.1 None

6. Impact on corporate policies, priorities, performance and community impact

6.1 None

7. Implications

7.1 Financial

Implications Verified by: **Michelle Hall**
Management Accountant

There are no financial Implications to this report.

7.2 Legal

Implications Verified by: **Lindsay Marks**
Principal Solicitor Children's safeguarding

There are no legal implications

7.3 Diversity and Equality

Implications Verified by: **Rebecca Price**
Community Development Officer

- None

7.4 Other implications (where significant) – i.e. Staff, Health, Sustainability, Crime and Disorder)

- None

7.5. Background papers used in preparing the report (including their location on the Council's website or identification whether any are exempt or protected by copyright):

- None

8. Appendices to the report

- Appendix 1 – Ofsted ILACS Report 11 – 22 November 2019

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