

**REPORT TO:** Children, Young People and Families Policy and Performance Board

**DATE:** 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Executive Director of Children's Services

**PORTFOLIO:** Children & Young People

**SUBJECT:** Children's Social Care update

**WARD(S)** Boroughwide

**1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 To provide a presentation on the progress against OFSTED findings and Agency staffing

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That**

**1) the report be noted**

**3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 A presentation will be given during the meeting to share the progress made in the areas identified by OFSTED as areas for improvement, including workforce stability.

**4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The areas identified for improvement will result in review of policies and processes within the council to ensure continued improvement.

**5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 Budgetary decisions will be required but after appropriate scoping of the improvement areas. Saving will be made across specific areas including; placements and agency staff.

**6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

**6.1 Improving Health, Promoting Wellbeing and Supporting Greater Independence**

The improvement areas will positively impact on this priority

**6.2 Building a Strong, Sustainable Local Economy**

The improvement areas will positively impact on this priority

6.3 **Supporting Children, Young People and Families**

The improvement areas will positively impact on this priority

6.4 **Tackling Inequality and Helping Those Who Are Most In Need**

The improvement areas will positively impact on this priority

6.5 **Working Towards a Greener Future**

NA

6.6 **Valuing and Appreciating Halton and Our Community**

The improvement areas will positively impact on this priority

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 Progress against each of the priorities identified within the plan will be tracked and inform future reports to the Policy & Performance Board.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 The improvements consider Equality and diversity issues.

9.0 **CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 None Identified.

10.0 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

10.1 None under the meaning of the Act.