

REPORT TO: Children Young People and Families Policy
Performance Board

DATE: 13th January 2014

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director – Children and Enterprise

PORTFOLIO: Children, Young People and Families

SUBJECT: Investing in Children and Young People
Board - Presentation

WARDS: All

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 The Investing in Children and Young People Board was established to ensure that all the work of agencies in Halton that deliver services for our children and young people have a central focus on ensuring that our children are safe. The following presentation outlines the challenges within the borough and the response to date.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That

2.0 That the Board endorse and support the approach by the Investing in Children and Young People Board;

2.1 As corporate parents members consider the contribution they can make to ensuring the best outcomes for our children and young people.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 The Board was set up following the Peer Practice Review in July 2013. Its purpose is to provide strategic leadership to ensure that agencies focus on bringing tangible service improvements that deliver quality outcomes for our children, young people and their families.

3.2 In Halton agencies are seeking to do this through evidence within their practice, including the voice of the child, to ensure quality outcomes. This in turn will bring a positive inspection judgement in an inspection.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Board will allow us to test our services and responses in preparation for the unannounced Ofsted single inspection framework of local authority

services for vulnerable children, examining early help, child protection, looked after children and care leavers and fostering and adoption services

4.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children & Young People in Halton

The aim of the Board is to ensure that the experience of childhood for children and their families in Halton is positive and supported wherever needed by agencies across Halton Children's Trust and Halton Safeguarding Children Board.

6.2 Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton

N/A

6.3 A Healthy Halton

N/A

6.4 A Safer Halton

The central focus of the Board is to ensure that children in Halton are safe.

5.0 RISK ANALYSIS

6.1 The key risk is that OFSTED does not judge that our services provide the best outcomes for children and young people in the Borough. The Board has developed an project plan covering key themes and reports and on a bi-weekly basis there are reports on progress.

6.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

7.1 The purpose of the Board is to ensure that agencies and services work together to secure the best outcomes for all children and families in the Borough.

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

Document	Place of Inspection	Contact Officer
OFSTED requirements	See website below:	Ann McIntyre Operational Director- Childrens

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		Organisation and Provision
http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/resources/framework-and-evaluation-schedule-for-inspection-of-services-for-children-need-of-help-and-protection		
Investing in Children and Young People Board – minutes and papers	Rutland House – Halton Lea, Runcorn ann.mcintyre@halton.gov.uk	Ann McIntyre Operational Director - Childrens Organisation and Provision