

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

**DATE:** 29 January 2018

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director, People

**SUBJECT:** Children Social Care Performance Report

**WARDS:** Boroughwide

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 To receive a presentation from Tracey Coffey, Operational Director for Children and Families on the current performance of Children's Social Care.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Board**

- i. **Considers the contents of the report and presentation.**

## **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 The presentation aims to provide the members with an overview of the performance of Children's Social Care and keep members informed of the key service developments. It will include information on the following areas:

- Caseload breakdown;
- I-CART activity;
- Contacts;
- North West Profile;
- Assessment Timescales;
- Children in Need;
- Children in Care;
- Placement Stability; and
- Current activity and developments within the service.

## **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Under the Children and Social Work Act 2017 and the new Ofsted Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services 2018 members are expected to have knowledge and awareness of the context for the delivery of LA children's services, and to be able to scrutinise and take action to ensure that the services provided are effective and improve outcomes for children and families.

## **5.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCILS PRIORITIES**

### **5.1 Children & Young People in Halton**

Performance shows how the local authority is performing in meeting the needs of children and young people who require support and services because of their needs.

### **5.2 A Healthy Halton**

None

### **5.3 Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**

Supporting children to be safe and secure enables them to succeed in their education and their future as adults

### **5.4 A Safer Halton**

Children may be at risk of being involved in antisocial behaviour and at risk of offending if they are not supported to feel safe and secure in their families. Equally, it is important to support parents and carers who are affected by domestic abuse, drugs, alcohol, mental health and disability in reducing risks to themselves and in turn their children.

### **5.5 Halton's Urban Renewal**

None.

## **6.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

Failure to provide high quality services that improve the outcomes for children and families and reduces the risk of harm and serious injury or death exposes the local authority to being judged inadequate by Ofsted, with responsibility being removed from that local authority by the Secretary of State.

## **7.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

Services must be responsive to their needs of individual children and their families in providing services to them.

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

None.