

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

**DATE:** 13 November 2017

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director, People

**PORTFOLIO:** Children, Young People & Families

**SUBJECT:** Presentation on the new Ofsted Inspection Framework for local authority children social care services

**WARD:** Borough-wide

**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To inform members about the requirements of the new inspection framework for children social care services which is due to be implemented in January 2018.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That**

2.1 That members note the presentation.

**3.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 The inspection will examine the role of members and the corporate role and contribution in ensuring that social care services deliver outstanding outcomes for children.

**4.0 FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Preparing for and supporting inspection is resource intensive in officer time and also the time and involvement of multi-agency partners.

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

**5.1 Children & Young People in Halton**

The inspection will look at all aspects of children's lives when they come into contact with the children's social care service including children at risk of harm, children in care and care leavers. It will examine how effective the council is at undertaking its statutory duties and how it performs as a corporate parent.

**5.2 Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**

The inspection will examine how children in care and care leavers are supported in their education, training and employment.

**5.3 A Healthy Halton**

The inspection will examine how the council meets the health needs of children in care and care leavers, both their physical health but also their emotional health and wellbeing.

**5.4 A Safer Halton**

None identified.

**5.5 Halton's Urban Renewal**

None identified.

**6.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

6.1 A successful outcome is essential to evidence that children in Halton are well protected and supported and children in care and care leavers achieve well. A poor inspection outcome could potentially lead to the Department for Education directing that services be placed in a children's trust arrangement outside of local government control.

**7.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

7.1 The inspection will examine how these needs are identified and met.

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

8.1 None under the meaning of the Act.