

Single Member Cabinet Decision

Executive Forward Plan Reference	E2155
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Response to the Ofsted unannounced inspection of the Council's contact, referral and assessment arrangements in Children's Social Care

Decision maker/s	Cllr Chris Watt Cabinet Member for Children's Service
The Issue	To detail the outcome of the first unannounced inspection of the Council's contact, referral and assessment arrangements in Children's Social Care and advise how the service will respond to the highlighted strengths, satisfactory practice and areas for development.
Decision Date	3 rd August 2010
The decision	The Cabinet Member agrees to approve the report and the actions being taken by the Service, and to note arrangements for future such unannounced inspections and announced inspections on safeguarding and looked after children arrangements
Rationale for decision	Represents commitment to corporate parenting and safeguarding responsibilities
Financial and budget implications	No direct financial implications arising from the report
Issues considered	<i>Customer Focus; Young People; Equality (age, race, disability, religion/belief, gender, sexual orientation); Human Rights; Corporate;</i>
Consultation undertaken	<i>Trades Unions; Overview & Scrutiny Panel; Staff; Other B&NES Services; Stakeholders/Partners; Other Public Sector Bodies; Section 151 Finance Officer; Chief Executive; Monitoring Officer</i>
How consultation was carried out	Direct consultation with staff and partners/stakeholders re outcome and actions to be taken. Presented to Overview and Scrutiny Panel 12 th July 2010-08-02 Copy of report sent to Unison
Other options considered	None. Publishing the report represents good practice

Signatures of Decision Makers	Councillor Chris Watt
Date of Signature	