

**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee – 12 January 2022

Subject: The Quality of Practice in Children’s Social Care – an over-view and update

Report of: Strategic Director of Children and Education Services

Summary

This presentation, one of a series of scrutiny reports, reflects the development and current position of the quality of practice we are delivering to children and their families in Manchester. This presentation has particular focus on Children’s Social Care because these are the children in our City who often have the greatest need and experience the greatest adverse impact on their future well-being and attainment if they do not have those needs met. It is important to acknowledge that the requirement to support children and their families is always a partnership endeavour and the strength of that activity is often a reflection of the strength of our partnership arrangements.

Recommendations

Committee is asked to scrutinise and discuss the presentation, provide comment on the analysis provided and offer views on the future direction of service development.

Wards Affected: All

Environmental Impact Assessment - the impact of the issues addressed in this report on achieving the zero-carbon target for the city.

Our Manchester Strategy outcomes	Summary of how this report aligns to the OMS
A thriving and sustainable city: supporting a diverse and distinctive economy that creates jobs and opportunities.	Effective Children and Education Services are critical to ensuring our children are afforded opportunities and supported to connect and contribute to the city’s sustainability and growth.

A highly skilled city: world class and home-grown talent sustaining the city's economic success.	Ensuring children and young people are supported and afforded the opportunity to access and achieve in the city; empowered and supported by the delivery of a strong and cohesive system that works for all children.
A progressive and equitable city: making a positive contribution by unlocking the potential of our communities.	Improving education and social care services that are connected to the wider partnership build the resilience of children and families needed to achieve their potential and be integrated into their communities.
A liveable and low carbon city: a destination of choice to live, visit, work.	Improving outcomes for the children and families across the City, helps build and develop whole communities and increases the liability of the City.
A connected city: world class infrastructure and connectivity to drive growth.	Successful services support successful families who are able to deliver continuing growth in the City.

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Background documents (available for public inspection):

The following documents disclose important facts on which the report is based and have been relied upon in preparing the report. Copies of the background documents are available up to 4 years after the date of the meeting. If you would like a copy please contact one of the contact officers above.

Children and Families Scrutiny Committee has previously received reports in respect of the quality of practice in children's services and the previous Ofsted inspection reports.