

Supporting Information and Impact Assessment

Proposal:	Children's Services' Improvement Plan
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Section 1: Background Information	
1.	<p>What is the proposal / issue?</p> <p>To note the progress to date as set out in the Children's Services' Improvement Plan.</p>
2.	<p>What is the current situation?</p> <p>Following dialogue with the Hampshire improvement team, the improvement plan has been substantially revised in order to provide for a much tighter focus on actions that will directly address the recommendations made by Ofsted.</p> <p>The plan is very much a work in progress and will be subject to regular oversight and scrutiny by the Children's Improvement Board, Children's Services' Leadership Team and Corporate Leadership Team.</p>
3.	<p>What options have been considered?</p> <p>The revised improvement plan follows an approach that Hampshire have found effective in their work as improvement partner for the Isle of Wight. The changed approach has only recently been adopted and it is acknowledged that work is ongoing to ensure the plan is exhaustive in setting clear, deliverable actions against all Ofsted recommendations.</p> <p>Hampshire had identified that the previous approach was complicated and insufficiently focussed.</p>
4.	<p>How does this proposal support the ambitions, principles and delivery of the Corporate Plan 2015-19?</p> <p>The revised action plan will contribute towards the following key priority within the Corporate Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protecting all children and giving them the best start in life
5.	<p>Who will be affected by this proposal and who do you need to consult with?</p> <p>The action plan will impact on Children's Services and its partners working</p>

	through the Children's Safeguarding Board.
6.	<p>How will you propose to consult?</p> <p>The improvement plan aims to direct and develop the work of Children's Services and the range of partner agencies. Ongoing review and consultation on content and progress will be undertaken through the Improvement Board and the Safeguarding Board.</p>
<p>Section 2: Expected Implications and Impact Assessment (These sections will be updated and expanded following the consultation period.)</p>	
7.	<p>What are the <u>expected</u> financial and legal implications?</p> <p>There are no direct financial or legal implications from the revised planning format.</p>
8.	<p>What are the <u>expected</u> risks?</p> <p>If the revised approach is ineffective there is a risk that Children's Services will not improve in line with the expectations of Ofsted and the DfE Commissioner with an adverse impact on outcomes for children and families.</p>