

Overview & Scrutiny Recommendation Response Pro forma

Under section 9FE of the Local Government Act 2000, Overview and Scrutiny Committees must require the Cabinet or local authority to respond to a report or recommendations made thereto by an Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Such a response must be provided within two months from the date on which it is requested¹ and, if the report or recommendations in question were published, the response also must be so.

This template provides a structure which respondents are encouraged to use. However, respondents are welcome to depart from the suggested structure provided the same information is included in a response. The usual way to publish a response is to include it in the agenda of a meeting of the body to which the report or recommendations were addressed.

Issue: **BMMR (with a focus on Children, Education and Families)**

Lead Cabinet Member(s): **Cllr Sean Gaul, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People**

Date response requested:² **18 November 2025**

Response to report:

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¹ Date of the meeting at which report/recommendations were received

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Response to recommendations

Recommendation	Accepted, rejected or partially accepted	Proposed action (if different to that recommended) and indicative timescale (unless rejected)
<p>1. That in its forthcoming Youth Strategy the Cabinet should ensure a more equitable distribution of voluntary sector youth services, particularly making sure that funding is allocated based on need rather than simply supporting existing services.</p>	Partially accepted	<p>The forthcoming youth strategy will ensure equitable access and distribution of voluntary sector or other youth opportunities. In line with our duty, we will continue to work with partners across sectors to map available provision for children and secure, as far as reasonably practicable, sufficient provision.</p> <p>The National Youth Agency has published its new youth strategy in December 2025 with strong ambitions to grow and build back youth services and we currently await further detail on this. We are committed to continuing our work with partners across sectors to build capacity and youth offers across the county.</p>