

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 questions 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: SEND and Staffing Changes in Children's Services

Lead Cabinet Member(s): Cllr John Howson, Cabinet Member for Children, Education and Young People's Services;
Cllr Kate Gregory, Cabinet Member for SEND Improvement

Date response requested:² 18 July 2023

Response to report:

Response to recommendations:

Recommendation	Accepted, rejected or partially accepted	Proposed action (if different to that recommended) and indicative timescale (unless rejected)
That the Council, insofar as it can within any potential restrictions relating to confidentiality, provides assurance to local parents and carers that the Council has taken significant steps to address its underperformance around SEND via	Accepted	The Council has been working since the initial report to ensure there is in place sufficient capacity and capability in all areas of OCCs education services and the broader Childrens, Young Peoples services. There is now in place a new and permanent DCS and a robust interim Deputy Director of Education and Head

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

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a press statement detailing the recent changes within the management of Children's Services.		of SEND. The response to SEND improvement including capacity is an element of the SEND Improvement Board and its work will be overseen through cabinet and scrutiny structures.
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