

## 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 requested<sup>1</sup> 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:** **Update on Children's Homes**

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

**Date response requested:<sup>2</sup>** **17 June 2025**

### **Response to report:**

The report was well received by all counsellors who are keen to attend the Corporate Parenting Panel to understand more about the care provided to Children we Care For.

### **Response to recommendations:**

<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Accepted, rejected or partially accepted</b>	<b>Proposed action (if different to that recommended) and indicative timescale (unless rejected)</b>
That the Council should encourage Ofsted to ensure the registration period for children's homes is as short as possible and	Accepted	To confirm that the council robustly "encourages" OFSTED to ensure that the waiting time for registration is as short as possible.

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

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thereby expedite the process of placing children in registered settings.		This includes, contacting OFSTED by telephone, speaking to inspectors when they are visiting other children's homes and escalating delay to more senior HMI's should the delay fall out of time scale.
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