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**REPORT FOR: CABINET**

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**Date of Meeting:** 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018

**Subject:** Children and Young People Services  
Self-Assessment

**Key Decision:** No

**Responsible Officer:** Paul Hewitt  
Corporate Director, People Services

**Portfolio Holder:** Councillor Christine Robson Portfolio Holder  
for Young People and Schools

**Exempt:** No

**Decision subject to  
Call-in:** Yes

**Wards affected:** All wards

**Enclosures:** Children and Young People Services Self-  
Assessment

**Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations**

**Recommendations:**

Cabinet is requested to note and endorse the report.

**Reason:** The inspection framework involves the leadership of councillors and senior managers in terms of safeguarding children and corporate parenting and it is important that the self - assessment and plan are owned by the whole Council

## **Section 2 – Report**

### **Introductory paragraph**

Ofsted have introduced a new framework of assessment for Children and Young Peoples services – Inspection of Local Authority Children’s Services (ILACS). This requires Local Authorities to produce an annual self-assessment highlighting achievements, strengths and challenges. This will also replace the Children’s Services Plan which has reported to Cabinet on an annual basis.

In January 2017, Harrow Children’s Services were considered **Good** by Ofsted. The self-assessment builds on this success to highlight achievements and challenges to support our improvement journey

The four main challenges are:

- 1) Develop further through MASH and FRT pathways for families accessing suite/full range of early support services
- 2) Extend partnership working with young people vulnerable to sexual/criminal exploitation and violence through the Violence, Vulnerability and Exploitation strategy and using a contextual safeguarding approach
- 3) Further integrating our service and offer to Children Looked After and Care Leavers 16 and older to enhance the young person’s journey through pathway planning and transition into adulthood
- 4) Improve the education outcomes in attendance, progress and attainment for Children Looked After

The inspection framework involves the leadership of councillors and senior managers in terms of safeguarding children and corporate parenting and it is important that the self - assessment and plan are owned by the whole Council

This also incorporates the Council’s priorities in making a difference for the vulnerable, making a difference for communities and making a difference for families

### **Risk Management Implications**

The emphasis on developing early support services is not only better for children and families but also allows the council manage demand of its services and prevent the need for children to require higher cost interventions.
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### **Procurement Implications**

No procurement implications
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## Legal Implications

No legal implications - information report only.

## Financial Implications

Information report only with no decision about funding being requested.

## Equalities implications / Public Sector Equality Duty

### Council Priorities

The Council's vision:

#### Working Together to Make a Difference for Harrow

This report incorporates the following of the Councils priorities

- Making a difference for the vulnerable
- Making a difference for communities
- Making a difference for families

## Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: ...Jo Frost.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Chief Financial Officer
Date: ...24 <sup>th</sup> May 2018.....		
Name: ...Banaz Draey.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Monitoring Officer
Date: ...27 <sup>th</sup> June 2018.....		

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## Section 3 - Procurement Officer Clearance

Name: ...Nimesh Mehta.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Head of Procurement
Date: ...20 <sup>th</sup> June 2018...		

<b>Ward Councillors notified:</b>	<b>NO as impacts all Wards</b>
<b>EqIA carried out:</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>EqIA cleared by:</b>	Information report only

**Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers**

**Contact:** Peter Tolley, Divisional Director Children and Young People Services

**Background Papers:** see page 3 of the enclosed self-assessment report

<b>Call-In Waived by the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>	<b>NO</b> <b>(Call-in applies)</b>
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