

**Subject:** Children's Services Annual Rating  
**Date of Meeting:** 1 February 2010  
**Report of:** Director of Children's Services  
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**Key Decision:** No Forward Plan No: N/A  
**Wards Affected:** All

### FOR GENERAL RELEASE

#### 1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 The letter from Ofsted (Appendix 1) to the Director of Children's Services sets out the Brighton & Hove Children's Services rating for 2009 as "Performs Well (3)".

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That it be noted that Brighton & Hove's Children's Services rating for 2009 is "Performs Well (3)".

#### 3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 Guidance published in May 2009 sets out the new arrangements for the publication of an annual rating for Children's Services.
- 3.2 The letter attached as Appendix 1 sets out the information upon which that training is based and the four-point scale from which it is derived.

#### 4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 The letter is embargoed until 9 December 2009.

#### 5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

##### Financial Implications:

- 5.1 There are no immediate financial implications.

*Finance Officer Consulted: David Ellis*

*Date: 07/12/2009*

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 The Children's Services rating is provided for the purpose of Section 138 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006.

*Lawyer Consulted: Natasha Watson*

*Date: 07/12/2009*

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 The Ofsted letter itself addresses equalities issues, and these are dealt with in detail in the inspection framework and in the City's Children & Young People's Plan.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 None identified.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 The Ofsted letter does not refer directly to issues of Crime and Disorder

Risk & Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 The annual rating of Children's Services by Ofsted forms significant element of the risk and opportunity assessment for the Children & Young People's Trust.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.7 The rating of Local Authority Children's Services will contribute significantly to the managing performance theme of each Local Authority's Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) organisational assessment and therefore to the score for each Local Authority overall.

**6. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S):**

- 6.1 Not applicable.

**7. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7.1 To report the annual rating of Children's Services.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

**Appendices:**

1. Children's Services Annual Rating

**Documents in Members' Rooms**

1. None

**Background Documents**

1. None