



Children & Education Select Committee
27 November 2014

Internal Audit Report: Review of the Administration of Looked After Children's Finances

Purpose of the report: Scrutiny of Services

To review the summary of audit findings and Management Action Plan produced as a result of an internal audit review of administration of Looked After Children's Finances.

Introduction:

1. It has been agreed by the Chairmen of the Council's Select Committees that any relevant Internal Audit reports that have attracted an audit opinion of either "Major Improvement Needed" or "Unsatisfactory", and/or those with high priority recommendations, will be considered for inclusion on the Committee's work programme.

Context:

2. Internal Audit undertook a review of the administration of Looked After Children's Finances in September 2014. The report produced as a result of this review attracted an audit opinion of "unsatisfactory". There were 10 high priority and 3 medium priority recommendations made. A summary of the audit findings and recommendations is attached as **Annex A**. The agreed Management Action Plan is attached as **Annex B**. The supporting audit report has been previously circulated to committee members.
3. Officers from the service and Internal Audit will be available at the meeting, and the Select Committee is asked to review the actions being taken to address the audit recommendations made.

Recommendations:

4. That the Committee review the audit report and Management Action Plan and makes recommendations as necessary.

Next steps:

The Committee will continue to have oversight of any relevant audit report that has attracted an audit opinion of either “Major Improvement Needed” or “Unsatisfactory”, and/or those with high priority recommendations.

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Sources/background papers: Internal Audit Report: Review of the Administration of Looked After Children’s Finances, September 2014