

AGENDA ITEM 16

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE 18TH SEPTEMBER 2013

REPORT OF HEAD OF COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBOURHOODS

MELTON CHILDRENS CENTRES OFSTED INSPECTION

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide members with an update in relation to the outcome of the recent Melton Sure Start Ofsted Inspection (Appendix A) carried out on 17th and 18th July 2013.
- 1.2 To seek members approval of the Melton Sure Start Improvement Plan (Appendix B) and Melton Ofsted Inspection Action Plan (Appendix C).

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **Members note the report which has graded Melton Sure Start Programme as 'Good' overall and recommendations made by Ofsted.**
- 2.2 **Members approve the improvement and action plan as detailed in Appendix B and C.**

3.0 KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 Ofsted inspected the Melton Sure Start Programme over a two day period on 17th and 18th July 2013 grading it as 'Good' overall. Melton is the first programme to be inspected in Leicestershire in relation to the new Ofsted Framework. The report also has made a number of recommendations if the programme wants to achieve outstanding.
- 3.2 The inspectors found that there needs to be more robust tracking of children and sharing of data from partner agencies if the programme is truly going to prove that it is making continuous improvement.
- 3.3 Numeracy, Literacy and Information technology have been highlighted as areas that need further investment if we are to move those furthest away from education and the job market.
- 3.4 Health data and tracking of adults is an area which also needs to be improved if the programme is to show it makes significant improvement in the outcomes for parents.
- 3.5 The programme was found to be good overall with various areas of best practice. Melton is now sharing it's experiences and service delivery methodology with other programmes in Leicestershire.

4.0 POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 This report does not have any significant impact on Council Policy or Corporate Implications. Recommendations made by Ofsted have been considered and are being incorporated into the wider strategic direction of the Melton Sure Start

10.0 CLIMATE CHANGE

10.1 There are no specific climate change implications as a direct result of this report

11.0 CONSULTATION

11.1 There has been no direct consultation in regards to this report. The Inspection report has been circulated to the Melton Locality Based Partnership who will discuss the report and plans on 30th September 2013. The Family Voices Sure Start Group will also be consulted and asked for input into future service planning at their next meeting in October.

12.0 WARDS AFFECTED

12.1 All wards are affected

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Appendices : Appendix A – Ofsted Report
 Appendix B – Improvement Plan
 Appendix C – Ofsted Action Plan

Background Papers: Ofsted Sure Start Inspection Framework

Reference : X : Committees\CSA\2013-14\18-09-13\CSA Sure Start 18 09 13