**Report for:** Children's Scrutiny Panel - 26 November 2026

**Title:** Children's Social Care annual performance 2025-26

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**Ward(s) affected:** N/A

**Report for Key/ Non Key Decision:** For Information and Noting

## 1. Describe the issue under consideration

1.1 This report provides an analysis of the performance data and trends for an measures relating to Children Looked After (CLA), children on Child Protection Plans (CPP) and Children in Need (CIN).

1.2 This report notes the progress and the consistent, effective performance with regards to safeguarding children and young people in Haringey for 2025/26.

1.3 The report identifies key developments, summarises performance activity levels and details several future priorities for vulnerable children.

1.4 Appendix i contains performance highlights and key messages identifying areas of improvement and areas for focus. It provides an overall assessment so that Members can assess progress in key areas within the context of the Local Authority's role as Corporate Parent and duties under section 17 of the Children Act.

## 2. Cabinet Member Introduction

N/A

## 3. Recommendations

3.1 That Members note the performance data as set out in appendix i.

3.2 That Members note the areas identified as priorities for 2026/27 following analysis and review of the year's performance.

## 4. Reasons for decision

4.1 This report is for information only

## 5. Alternative options considered

N/A

## 6. Background information

6.1 The welfare of Haringey's vulnerable children is one of the Council's highest priorities.

6.2 The annual report is intended to inform Committee of the performance of Children Social Care Services in 2025/26.

6.3 Committee should be aware of the progress made against managing the safeguarding demands. The report, in addition to other measures, enables Members to assure itself that the necessary arrangements are in place for the Council to effectively discharge its children social care obligations. In this regard, there is a distinct leadership role for the Leader, Lead Member for Children and Young People's Services, the Chief Executive and Director of Children Services; also, there is a wider corporate parenting role for all members of the Council.

## 7. Contribution to the Corporate Delivery Plan 2022-2024 High level Strategic outcomes'?

N/A

## 8. Carbon and Climate Change

N/A

## 9. Statutory Officers comments (Director of Finance ( procurement), Head of Legal and Governance, Equalities)

N/A

## 10. Use of Appendices

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## 11. Background papers

N/A