

Haringey Council

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Cabinet

On 22 January 2008

Report Title: Children and Young People 's Service Annual Performance Assessment

Forward Plan reference number (if applicable):

Report of: Director of the Children and Young People's Service

Wards(s) affected: All

Report for: Non Key Decision

1. Purpose

To report on the outcome of the Annual Performance Assessment.

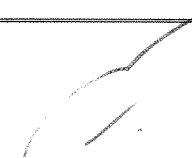
2. Introduction by Cabinet Member

I am pleased to bring to Member's attention the result of the Annual Performance Assessment for the Children and Young People's Service

3. Recommendations

Members are asked to note the outcome of the Annual Performance Assessment

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4. Director of Finance Comments

Not applicable, as this report is for information only

5. Head of Legal Services Comments

Not applicable, as this report is for information only

6. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

Arrangements for the Annual Performance Assessment of Children's Services 2007
Annual Performance Assessment: Handbook of Procedures for 2007. Both published by Ofsted April 2007

Stepping on Towards Excellence: The Haringey Children & Young People's Plan
Evaluation of Changing Lives 2007

Changing Lives: The Haringey Children & Young People's Plan Programme for 2007-8

7. Background

- 7.1 Ofsted has a statutory duty to undertake an annual review of every council's children and young people's service and award a performance rating. The rating awarded is also used as the rating for the children and young people's block in the Audit Commission's comprehensive performance assessment of local authority services.
- 7.2 In 2007 Annual Performance Assessments (APA) were to make judgements about:
- council's children and young people's services and the specific contributions they make to improving outcomes for children and young people;
 - contribution services make to improving each of the five Every Child Matters outcome areas;
 - council's capacity to improve these services.
- 7.3 Local areas are statutorily required to review the progress they are making in implementing their children and young people's plan. This review is used to provide the key evidence for the APA. Ofsted also looks at performance data, recent inspection reports on local schools and services and visit the authority to talk to staff and partners.
- 7.4 Following their visit the Ofsted inspectors draw up their judgements. A judgement is given for the overall service, and also for each of the five outcomes in the Every Child Matters framework and the capacity to improve. Each judgement is graded from 1 (the lowest) to 4 (the highest). The description of the grades is given in appendix one. The inspector's letter also notes strengths, areas for improvement and progress in the previous 12 months.

8. APA result

- 8.1 Ofsted has awarded Haringey grade 3 for the overall effectiveness of the service, the capacity to improve and each of the five Every Child Matters outcomes. Grade 3 is an overall good in all these areas. Last year the service also had an overall grade 3 but this year the grade now includes improved the grades for Staying Safe and Achieving Economic Well-Being, both up from grade 2 to grade 3. The letter giving the full details of their judgements and recommendations is attached at appendix three.
- 8.2 The results for APAs across the 33 London Boroughs have been analysed and are attached at appendix 2. Haringey, with an overall score of 21 is joint 13th with 11 other boroughs.

9. Recommendations.

- 9.1 Members are asked to note the outcome of the Annual Performance Assessment.

10. Equalities Implications

- 10.1 Equalities considerations are part of the APA methodology. The APA considers the outcomes, and any variation in outcomes, for all children and young people in the local area. As part of the APA process inspectors also focus on the delivery of services and outcomes for vulnerable groups of children and young people, such as children with disabilities and children in care.

11. Consultation

- 11.1 The APA includes consideration of the outcome of the Audit Commission's school survey and the TellUs survey of young people. When the Inspectors visit they talk to representatives of partners and independent organisations delivering services as well as Council staff. .

Use of Appendices

Appendix 1	APA grade descriptors
Appendix 2	APA Scores across London Local Authorities
Appendix 3	Ofsted letter: 2007 Annual Performance Assessment of Services for Children and Young people in the London Borough of Haringey, 26 November 2007

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Appendix one: Ofsted's APA grade descriptors

Grade	Descriptor
Grade 4: A service that delivers well above minimum requirements for users	A service that delivers well above minimum requirements for children and young people, is innovative and cost-effective, and fully contributes to raising expectations and the achievement of wider outcomes for the community.
Grade 3: A service that consistently delivers above minimum requirements for users	A service that consistently delivers above minimum requirements for children and young people, has some innovative practice, and is increasingly cost-effective whilst making contributions to wider outcomes for the community.
Grade 2: A service that delivers only minimum requirements for users	A service that delivers only minimum requirements for children and young people, but is not demonstrably cost-effective nor contributes significantly to wider outcomes for the community.
Grade 1: A service that does not deliver minimum requirements for users	A service that does not deliver minimum requirements for children and young people, is not cost-effective and makes little or no contribution to wider outcomes for the community.

Appendix 3: APA scores across London local authorities

LA	Overall Effectiveness	Be Healthy	Stay Safe	Enjoy and Achieve	Positive Contribution	Economic Wellbeing	Capacity to Improve	Total Score (out of 28)
City of London	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28
Tower Hamlets	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28
Kingston upon Thames	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	27
Richmond upon Thames	4	3	4	3	4	4	4	26
Camden	4	4	3	3	4	3	4	25
Westminster	3	4	3	3	4	3	4	24
Havering	3	3	3	4	3	3	4	23
Kensington and Chelsea	3	3	3	4	3	3	4	23
Lewisham	3	3	2	3	4	4	4	23
Redbridge	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	22
Sutton	3	3	3	4	3	3	3	22
Wandsworth	3	3	3	4	3	3	3	22
HARINGEY	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	21
Barnet	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	21
Bexley	3	4	3	2	3	3	3	21
Brent	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	21
Ealing (JAR)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	21
Enfield	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	21
Hackney	3	3	3	4	3	2	3	21
Hillingdon	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	21
Hounslow	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	21
Islington	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	21
Newham	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	21
Waltham Forest	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	21

LA	Overall Effectiveness	Be Healthy	Stay Safe	Enjoy and Achieve	Positive Contribution	Economic Wellbeing	Capacity to Improve	Total Score (out of 28)
Greenwich	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	20
Hammersmith & Fulham	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	20
Harrow	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	20
Lambeth	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	20
Merton (JAR)	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	20
Southwark	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	20
Barking & Dagenham (JAR)	2	2	3	3	3	3	2	18
Croydon	2	3	3	2	2	3	2	17
Bromley	2	2	2	3	2	3	2	16

**Appendix 3 Ofsted letter: 2007 Annual Performance Assessment
of Services for Children and Young people in the
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