

## Summary of Quarter 1 2019/20 Overview and Scrutiny performance discussions

### 1. Framework

- 1.1 Quarter 1 2019/20 performance was discussed at the following Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) meeting;

Children and Young People O&S Committee

03 October

Due to the timing of meetings, the summary of performance at the Health and Adult Social Care O&S at the Regeneration, Culture and Environment and Health & Adult Social Care O&S committees will follow.

### 2. Items referred to Business Support O&S

No items were referred to Business Support O&S by the chairs of the other O&S Committees.

### 3. O&S Performance Discussions

- 3.1 This section provides a summary of the discussions at the Children and Young People O&S Committee together with the performance data.

#### 3.1.1 Children and Young People O&S committee discussion summary.

The Director of People – Children and Adults introduced the report which set out how the Council had performed in the first quarter of 2019/20 on the delivery of the two priorities relevant to this Committee and also brought the first quarter review of the strategic risks pertaining to this Committee.

Members then raised a number of comments and questions, which included:

- **Persistent absence** – comment was made that this issue could be tackled with a more multi-agency approach using the Children and Family Hubs. Officers welcomed this suggestion and agreed that more collaborative working would be beneficial and undertook to consider the suggestion further.
- **Achievement gap at Early Years Foundation Stage** – in response to a question about why performance against this target had deteriorated, officers explained that work was ongoing to address this, including collaborative working with the Regional Schools Commissioner and parenting skills support. Officers undertook to provide more analysis on this issue in the quarter 2 performance monitoring report. Members asked if the decline in performance could be attributed to the changes made to Children's centres and officers responded that the changes were likely to be one of a number of factors and also cited the increase of inward migration, as a number of children moving into Medway from out of area joint school performing below age expected levels for a variety of reasons.

- **Rate of Young People whose activity was not known** – In response to a concern about the number of young people whose activity was unknown, which was 3.4% or 213 young people, the Director confirmed that this was a much improved position, since the service returned back in house in 2017. He added that a 0% rate would be unachievable but that officers would continue to drive the rate down and undertook to provide more analysis on this issue in the quarter 2 performance monitoring report.

### **Decision:**

The Committee noted the report.

### **3.1.2 Children and Young People O&S committee performance data**

The Children and Young People performance data is shown in Appendix 3 (page 22 onwards).