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**Report of the Director of Children's Services  
To: Outer North West Area Committee**

**Date: 8<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

**Subject: Children Services – Area Committee Performance Report**

**Electoral Wards Affected:  
All**

Ward Members consulted  
(referred to in report)

**Specific Implications For:**

Equality and Diversity

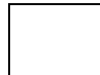
Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

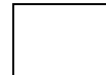
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## **Executive Summary**

To provide the Area Committee with a dashboard of Children Services performance data and to outline proposal for taking this forward.

### **1.0 Purpose of This Report**

This report introduces a dashboard of Children Services performance data disaggregated at an Area Committee or ward level.

### **2.0 Background**

At the last meeting of the area committee members discussed an outline of performance indicators which would support the Committee to assess local progress against the ambitions of the Children and Young People Plan. The report does not at this stage seek to provide a full commentary and interpretation of progress against each individual indicator but to provide sufficient information to enable the Committee to further inform development of effective performance reporting. Comments made by members in the last cycle of committee meetings and by Children Champions have been included in this report. It is acknowledged that further work is needed for example to provide a more qualitative analysis of progress particularly from the voice of children, young people, parents and carers.

### **3.0 Structure of the information.**

Appendix 1 disaggregates information at an area committee level in 2 sections.

Section 1 - Performance of settings (e.g. Primary and Secondary schools, sixth forms, colleges, children centres, child minders). The information available in Section 1 covers Primary and Secondary school and sixth form OFSTED inspection judgments. Individual inspection reports can be seen on the OFSTED website.

Section 2 – is an analysis of a small number of the indicators selected from the Children and Young People Plan priorities. During the course of the next year this list of indicators will be further developed in discussion with the Area Committee Children Champions. Some data has been disaggregated at a ward level which has been included as Annexes to Appendix 1.

#### **4.0 Next Steps in the North West**

The information in this report provides an opportunity for elected members to work with key partners to address some of the performance challenges locally. In discussion with the chair it is proposed that the Area Committee Children and Young People's sub-group issue an open invitation to all Area Committee members to take part in a broader debate about the issues with local partners. The Children's Champion can report findings back to the Area Committee.

One of the emerging areas of interest is the number of young people not in education, training or employment and the number of young people where the outcome is not known. This is an issue of concern for the city and elected member may wish to provide some challenge and support to local partners around current performance. It also provides an opportunity to work with new service providers working in the area as a result of changes in the Connexions contracts.

#### **4.0 Implications for Council Policy and Governance**

There are no implications for Council policy and governance. The report support the agreed functions of the Area Committee as outlined in the Area Functions and the Council's Constitution.

#### **5.0 Legal and Resource Implications**

There are no legal implications and the resource implications are a requirement for central performance management arrangements to develop local reporting arrangements, within existing resources.

#### **6.0 Recommendations**

Elected Members are asked to:

- Discuss the proposal to use the Children and Young People's sub-group as the focus for more detailed debate and agree how the proposal is to be taken forward.