

Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review of Alternative Management Arrangements for Children and Young People's Services in Rotherham

Recommendation	Cabinet Decision <i>(Accepted/ Rejected/ Deferred)</i>	Cabinet Response <i>(detailing proposed action if accepted, rationale for rejection, and why and when issue will be reconsidered if deferred)</i>	Officer Responsible	Action by (Date)
1. A Practice Partner model would secure the most rapid and sustainable improvements in the short term (two years) and present the lowest risk to the Improvement journey.		We agree that a PiP model has made a significant contribution to the first stage of the improvement journey, however a self-improving culture will be required to get from Good to Outstanding.	Ian Thomas	
2. The Practice Partner model will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish the right balance of political ownership, oversight and accountability for CYPS at the same time as rigorous external challenge; • Enable the good progress being made on the Improvement programme to continue at an accelerated pace with minimal disruption to partners, wider council priorities or management focus; and • Avoid high transition and operating costs associated with each of the AMAs. 		We agree for the first stage of the improvement journey from Inadequate to Good.	N.F.A required	
3. The Council will continue to work effectively with our Peer Practice Partner, and once assessed as "Requiring Improvement", we would want to continue with Lincolnshire as a partner in practice given their knowledge and understanding of Rotherham.		No longer relevant given the recent 'Good' rating achieved, however the Council will continue to participate in the Regional Review model.	Ian Thomas	Annual Participation

<p>4. Once there is consistent front line practice, the Council will actively consider other options to work with others knowing that integration, collaboration or further commissioning will be underpinned by strong and robust operational activity and management oversight.</p>		<p>The Department has achieved a Good rating however improvement is a continuous process and the Council will commit to participate in the development of other service models that will enhance Social Worker practice and outcomes.</p>	<p>Ian Thomas</p>	
<p>5. Whilst continuing with the Practice Partner is the preferred option based on the information, evidence and research available today, this is not a closed decision. The Council remains open to other Alternative Management Arrangements such as establishing a Trust/CIC, including the potential to integrate with another Children's Trust who is rated as "Good", if there is evidence in the future that this would secure more rapid and sustainable improvement.</p>		<p>The Department has achieved a Good rating and is committed to participating in the Regional Peer Review Process to support continuous Improvement.</p>	<p>Ian Thomas</p>	