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To: Corporate Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 13 January 2011

Subject: Core Monitoring Report

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## **SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to inform members on key areas of performance and activity across the authority.

## **FOR INFORMATION**

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### **1. Introduction**

The second Core Monitoring report was reported to Cabinet on 29 November. The report includes graphs and commentaries on a wide range of indicators, covering key activity and performance relating to the main services provided by the council.

Each Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee is receiving the section of the report relevant to their remit.

### **2. Core Monitoring Report**

Indicators within the Core Monitoring report are presented with historic trends shown by graph, a RAG (Red/Amber/Green) rating, a DoT (Direction of Travel) rating along with relevant commentary.

A summary of the RAG ratings by indicator is provided at the start of the Core Monitoring report in the Contents and Summary page.

Key changes to the report format compared to the last report include the following:

- Data tables have been added to each page below the graphs
- Information relating to annual benchmarks and current year quarterly trends have been combined into one graph for each indicator rather than being shown separately
- Some new comparative data has been added, including statistical neighbour figures where relevant
- Graph colours have been altered to improve readability when printing in black and white

### **3. Data Quality and Interpretation**

Please be aware that much of the quarterly data included in the Core Monitoring has the status of management information, and for the most recent quarter is provisional and may be subject to revision at a later date.

### **4. Children's Safeguarding**

The outcome of the recent OFSTED Inspection of Safeguarding and Looked after Children Services was provided to Cabinet at the same time as the last Core Monitoring report, with the report being received too late to include within the Core Monitoring.

A paper on the draft improvement and development plan was presented to Cabinet on 10 January. An Improvement Board will be established, and will report quarterly to Cabinet.

Given the outcome of the inspection, the improvement plan will require separate monitoring for the present, but at a future date outstanding actions could be included within the Core Monitoring process.

### **5. Recommendation**

Members are asked to NOTE this report.

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