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To: Social Care and Public Health Cabinet Committee – 21 March 2013

Subject: **Ofsted Inspection of Protection of Children**

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: Ofsted inspected Kent County Council's arrangements for the protection of children and reported in January 2013 that these were now adequate in all areas.

Recommendation: Members are asked to NOTE and COMMENT on Ofsted's inspection report.

1. Following Ofsted's previous inspection in 2010 of Safeguarding and Looked After Children, the inspection regime has been changed. The new inspection regime for protection of children was introduced in April 2012 with the intention of raising standards.
2. Ofsted inspected the arrangement for the protection of children in Kent between 26 November and 5 December 2012. Ofsted's inspection report was published on the 15 Jan, and confirmed that arrangements in Kent are now adequate in all areas.
3. The ongoing work by Kent County Council and its' partners to build on this finding are set out in the separate, Children's Services Improvement Programme: Progress Report to the Cabinet Committee

Recommendations

4. Members are asked to NOTE and COMMENT on Ofsted's inspection report.

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Appendix 1: Inspection of local authority arrangements for the protection of children, Kent County Council

Background documents: none