

Report – Community and Children’s Services Committee

Outcomes of recent Ofsted Inspections

To be presented on Thursday 8th December 2016

*To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons
of the City of London in Common Council assembled.*

SUMMARY

This report provides Members with a summary of the outcome of the Ofsted inspections of adult community learning and skills in May 2016, and the services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers, in July 2016. It also provides Members with a summary of the outcome of the recent Ofsted review of the effectiveness of the City and Hackney Safeguarding Children Board (CHSCB), carried out separately but concurrently to the said inspection of the effectiveness of the City of London’s services for children in need of help, protection, looked after children and care leavers.

RECOMMENDATION

Your Committee **recommends** that the Court of Common Council receive the report outlining the results of the Ofsted inspections.

MAIN REPORT

1. The Ofsted inspection into Adult Education in May 2016 focused on the levels of qualifications achieved by learners and apprentices, the numbers and types of employment secured and the quality of teaching and learning. The effectiveness of the service was judged overall to be ‘Good’ with individual judgements as follows:
 - The effectiveness of leadership and management is ‘Good’.
 - The quality of teaching, learning and assessment is ‘Good’.
 - The personal development, behaviour and welfare of learners is ‘Good’.
 - The outcomes for learners are ‘Good’.
 - The adult learning programmes are ‘Good’.
 - The apprenticeships programmes are ‘Good’.

2. The Ofsted inspection in July into the effectiveness of Children’s Services in the City of London was judged overall to be ‘Good’ with a number of ‘Outstanding’ features. The individual judgements were as follows:
 - The experience and progress of children who need help and protection is ‘Good’.

- The experience and progress of children looked after and achieving permanence is 'Good'.
 - The experience and progress of care leavers is 'Good'.
 - Leadership, management and governance in the City of London is 'Outstanding'.
3. The City of London is the sixth local authority in London to receive an overall 'Good' judgement for its children's services, out of 22 London local authorities inspected so far. The City of London is also one of only six local authorities in England to receive a judgement of 'Outstanding' for its leadership, management and governance.
 4. The Ofsted inspection into the effectiveness of the City and Hackney Local Safeguarding Children Board (CHSCB) received two separate judgements of 'Outstanding' for the effectiveness of its work in the City of London and in Hackney respectively. It is the first Local Safeguarding Children Board in England to have received an 'Outstanding' judgement.

Implications

5. The Ofsted rating of 'Good' acts as an accreditation of the Adult Skills and Education Service as the provider of Apprenticeships for the City of London Corporations scheme which will deliver 100 apprentices across the organisation next year.
6. Safeguarding and early help remain key priorities in the Children and Young People's Plan and the City of London Corporation Safeguarding Policy. The City of London's commitment to provide effective Early Help and Children's Social Care services aligns with the Corporation's strategic aims of:
 - providing modern, efficient and high-quality local services, including policing, within the City for workers, residents and visitors
 - providing valued services, such as education, employment, culture and leisure, to London and the nation.

Conclusion

7. In conclusion, your Committee welcome the recognition of the excellent work of the Community and Children's Services department in the City of London. The City Corporation is committed to working towards consistently exceptional outcomes for people across the City of London.

All of which we present to the judgement of this Honourable Court.

DATED this 14th October 2016

SIGNED on behalf of the Committee.

Dhruv Patel
Chairman, Community and Children's Services Committee