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**Children & Young People's Scrutiny Committee
Cabinet**

**8th January 2006
19th February 2006**

**INSPECTION BY THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL CARE INSPECTION OF
LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL FOSTERING SERVICE 2006**

Report of the Corporate Director of Children & Young People's Services

1. Purpose or Report

This report is to advise Members of the Scrutiny Committee of the outcome of the Commission for Social Care Inspection of the Leicester City Council Fostering Service, which occurred between 18th to 22nd September 2006. (Inspection Report Attached).

2. Summary

- 2.1 All independent and local authority fostering services are at present inspected by the Commission for Social Care Inspection (CSCI). These services at present are subject to annual inspections to establish if each service is meeting the standards required by the Care Standards Act 2000, the Fostering Services Regulations 2001 and the amended Children Act 1989.
- 2.2 The National Minimum Standards and Regulations, provide the benchmark against which CSCI make judgements as to the performance of fostering services. Fostering service providers are expected to meet all of the National Minimum Standards. The performance of the fostering service influences the overall assessment by CSCI and OFSTED of the department and therefore a positive inspection contributes to a positive evaluation by CSCI.
- 2.3 The outcome of the inspection was positive. The service was commended in 9 areas (standard exceeded), in the remaining 12 areas the standard was met with no shortfalls. The CSCI assessed there were no shortfalls in service provision. For the second year running there were no Statutory Requirements. The inspectors judged the

service overall as “excellent” in terms of outcomes for the people who use it.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That the Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet note the Final Report of the Commission for Social Care Inspection Report of the Leicester City Council Fostering Service.
- 3.2 That Scrutiny Committee & Cabinet commend all of the staff and foster carers who have worked hard to produce such an outstanding inspection report.

4. Headline Financial and Legal Implications

- 4.1 There are potential additional resource requirements to implement some of the recommendations arising from the inspection. These will need to be met by re-prioritising and reconfiguring existing budgets and other resources or by including them within future budget proposals. (Colin Sharpe, Head of Finance, Ext 8800)
- 4.2 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report. (Kamal Adatia, Barrister, Ext 7044)

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| Key Decision | No |
| Reason | N/A |
| Appeared in Forward Plan | N/A |
| Executive or Council Decision | Executive (Cabinet) |