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Report of the Director of Children and Young People's Services

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 To inform Cabinet of OfSTED/CSCI's judgements on the Council's services for children and young people.

2. Summary

- 2.1 Overall, Leicester is graded as a good performing Council with good capacity to improve.
- 2.2 The 2006 APA report identifies the Council's key strengths in relation to each of the five outcome areas for children and young people being healthy, staying safe, enjoying and achieving, making a positive contribution and achieving economic well-being.
- 2.3 The report also identifies some key areas for improvement and aspects of the service which will be focussed upon in the next APA.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 Cabinet is recommended to:
 - (i) Note the content of the 2006 APA report;
 - (ii) Note the action points and agree that progress against these be tracked through quarterly performance monitoring.

4. Headline Financial and Legal Implications

4.1 None.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. Report

- 1.1 OfSTED/CSCI is the inspectorate for children and learners in England.
- 1.2 The Annual Performance Assessment evaluates and reports on the outcomes for children and young people in the city and assesses and judges the contributions made by local public services to sustaining and improving them.
- 1.3 In the 2006 report, inspectors praise the robust procedures in place to ensure that children and young people in Leicester are safe. They note the sustained improvement in standards of attainment, attendance and exclusion rates. And they highlight the positive action being taken to improve children and young people's health.
- 1.4 The report also comments on the strong leadership of the department, and the new director's clear vision for the service.
- 1.5 Key areas for improvement include further reducing levels of unauthorised attendance and raising standards of attainment at key stage 2 and 4.

2. Financial Implications

- 2.1 None
- 3. Legal Implications
- 3.1 None

4. Other Implications

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/NO	Paragraph References within this report
Raising Standards	Y	
Equal Opportunities	N	
Policy	N	
Sustainable and Environmental	N	
Crime and Disorder	N	
Human Rights Act	N	
Elderly/People on Low Income	N	

- 5. Background Papers Local Government Act 1972
- 5.1 None
- 6. Consultation
- 6.1 None
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