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***Presentation: Children, Young People and  
Education Quarter 2 Performance (April-  
September 2025) and Quality Assurance***

Meeting date: 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
Lead director: Laurence Mackie-Jones

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## Useful information

- Ward(s) affected: All
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### 1. Purpose of report

To provide an update on performance in Children's social care and information on monitoring and improving quality.

### 2. Summary

Directors will deliver a presentation on performance in education and children's services up to quarter 2 of 2025-26 and additionally will outline quality assurance mechanisms in the department and plans to make improvements in 2026.

### 3. Recommendations

That the CYPE Scrutiny Commission note the report and make any recommendations for future improvements or service development.

## 5. Financial, legal and other implications

### 5.1 Financial implications

There are no direct financial implications arising from this update.

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Head of Finance, Leicester City Council  
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Dated 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

### 5.2 Legal implications

There are no direct legal implications resulting from this report, which is for information purposes only, from a childcare legal perspective. The challenges presented by an increase in number of children on Child Protection Plans are noted alongside continued recruitment and retention difficulties.

Sonali Unka  
Principal Solicitor  
Legal Services

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Dated 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026

### 5.3 Climate Change and Carbon Reduction implications

There are no climate emergency implications directly associated with this report. More widely, it should be noted that service delivery generally contributes to the council's carbon footprint through the consumption and use of energy, materials and services. As such, provision of the service should include consideration of opportunities to achieve carbon reductions, as relevant and appropriate, which could themselves provide further financial benefits through reduced consumption.

Potential measures could include opportunities to encourage the use of sustainable and active travel options, using buildings and materials efficiently and following the council's sustainable procurement guidance, as appropriate and relevant to the service.

Phil Ball, Sustainability Officer, 372246  
7<sup>th</sup> January 2026

### 5.4 Equalities Implications

Our Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) requires us to eliminate unlawful discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic as defined by the Equality Act 2010 (sex, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, disability, race, religion or belief, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, age) and those who do not.

This performance report tracks outcomes for children and young people across Leicester, many of whom share protected characteristics—specifically Age (children and young persons) and Disability (SEND).

The council also has an obligation to treat people in accordance with their Convention rights under The Human Rights Act, 1998. In keeping with our PSED, we are required to pay due regard to any negative impacts on people with protected characteristics arising from our decisions (and this would include decisions on how we deliver our services) and put in place mitigating actions to reduce or remove those negative impacts. We need to consider the demographic profile of the city when developing and delivering services, to ensure we are meeting the needs of individuals.

Equalities Officer, Surinder Singh Ext 37 4148

Dated 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

## **6. Background information and other papers:**

N/A

**7. Summary of appendices:**

Appendix A: Quarter 2 SCE Dashboard

Appendix B: Presentation

Appendix C: CHAT (November 2025)