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**Meeting:** Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny  
**Date:** 4 September 2012  
**Subject:** Quarter 1 Performance Report  
**Report of:** Cllr Mark Versallion, Executive Member for Children's Services  
**Summary:** The report highlights the Quarter One performance for the Children's Services Directorate.

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**Advising Officer:** Edwina Grant, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Children's Services  
**Contact Officer:** Karen Oellermann, Head of Partnerships, Performance and Workforce Development  
**Public/Exempt:** Public  
**Wards Affected:** All  
**Function of:** Council

## **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Council Priorities:**

1. The Quarterly Performance Report ensures that progress on the delivery of the Council's priorities is monitored.

### **Financial:**

2. There are a number of performance indicators within the full corporate suite that have a financial link.
3. It will be important to consider any financial implications in addressing ongoing areas of under performance.

### **Legal:**

4. Not applicable

### **Risk Management:**

5. Areas of ongoing underperformance are a risk to both service delivery and the reputation of the Council.

### **Staffing (including Trades Unions):**

6. Not applicable.

### **Equalities/Human Rights:**

7. This report highlights performance against a range of indicators which seek to measure how services impact across all communities in Central Bedfordshire, so that specific areas of underperformance can be highlighted for further analysis.

8. As such it does not include detailed performance information relating to the Council's stated intention to tackle inequalities and deliver services so that people whose circumstances make them vulnerable are not disadvantaged. The interrogation of performance data across vulnerable groups is a legal requirement and is an integral part of the Council's equalities and performance culture which seeks to ensure that, through a programme of ongoing impact assessments, underlying patterns and trends for different sections of the community identify areas where further action is required to improve outcomes for vulnerable groups.

**Community Safety:**

9. There are Children's Services indicators that relate to ensuring children and young people are kept safe.

**Sustainability:**

10. Not applicable.

**Procurement:**

11. Not applicable.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the Committee notes and reviews Quarter One performance.**

**Background**

12. The Council's framework for performance management supports the delivery of the Council's priorities.
13. The following provides an overview of the performance position for Quarter 1. This is supported by the detailed performance information provided in Appendix A.

**Quarter 1 Performance Summary**

14. The new system for monitoring the council's performance in relation to protecting vulnerable children and young people was installed at the end of the 2011/12 financial year. Issues experienced in migrating historical data means that two of the four measures for this area are not able to report.
15. Performance in relation to indicators available has been good in Quarter 1 and key indicators are on target at quarter end.
16. Overall the proportion of schools being classified as good or outstanding has remained stable over the last three years. In quarter one published inspection outcomes show that 75% are either good or outstanding

17. During this first quarter Ashton Middle School, a previously inadequate school, has been judged to be a satisfactory and improving school.
18. Queensbury Upper School which was inspected on 13 and 14 October 2011 was judged to require special measures. Progress in becoming a sponsored academy is on track and recent Ofsted monitoring shows that satisfactory progress is being made.

**Appendices:**

Appendix A – Performance Indicators

**Background Papers:** (open to public inspection)  
Executive (Quarter 1 Performance Report)

**Location of papers:** Priory House, Chicksands