

**WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A NON-KEY DECISION  
CABINET**

<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>OFSTED APA OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES 2008</b>
Members Present:	Councillors: RJ Phillips (Leader), LO Barnett, AJM Blackshaw, JP French (Deputy Leader), JA Hyde, PD Price, DB Wilcox.
Date of Decision:	22 January 2009
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	To update the Cabinet and formally report the outcome of the recent 2008 Annual Performance Assessment (APA) inspection of Children's Services.
<b>Decision:</b>	<p><b>THAT</b></p> <p>(a) <b>Cabinet note the content of the report and commend staff and partners on the progress made this year.</b></p> <p>(b) <b>Cabinet note the areas for improvement for the coming year - particularly safeguarding - in preparation for the forthcoming anticipated CAA inspection in 2009.</b></p>
Reasons for the Decision:	The performance of Children's Services is key to the overall performance of the wider Council.
Options Considered:	There are no Alternative Options.
Declaration of Interest:	

**COUNCILLOR RJ PHILLIPS:** ..... Date: 22 January 2009  
**LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**