

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

ITEM:	PROGRESS ON IMPROVEMENT CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES
Members Present:	Councillors: RJ Phillips (Leader), LO Barnett, AJM Blackshaw, H Bramer, JP French (Deputy Leader), JA Hyde, JG Jarvis, DB Wilcox.
Date of Decision:	24th January 2008
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
Urgent Decision:	No
Purpose:	To update Cabinet on the performance of the Children and Young People's (CYP) Directorate as part of the continuing performance management process specifically established since the Joint Area Review (JAR) inspection in 2005.
Decision:	<p>THAT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Cabinet note the significant progress reported and the cessation of formal intervention by Government Office West Midlands; (b) Cabinet return to the usual performance monitoring and reporting of the Directorate; and (c) Cabinet thanked the Children and Young People directorate for their hard work in having the formal intervention by Government office lifted.
Reasons for the Decision:	Previous Cabinet meetings have required special focus on performance monitoring of the CYP Directorate since the JAR inspection in 2005. It has been a requirement to update Cabinet on progress at quarterly intervals. As at January 2008, with the cessation of formal intervention by Government Office West Midlands (GOWM) and the regular forms of scrutiny and performance management now being well established, it seems appropriate for Cabinet to consider reducing the need for additional reporting mechanisms.
Options Considered:	No alternative options proposed.
Declaration of Interest:	

COUNCILLOR RJ PHILLIPS:.....
LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

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