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## OFSTED FOCUSED VISIT TO SHROPSHIRE CHILDREN'S SERVICES

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### 1. Summary

This report provides an update on the recent focused visit made by Ofsted to Shropshire Children's Services, along with a copy of the Ofsted feedback letter and Shropshire's Permanency Action Plan.

### 2. Recommendations

That scrutiny members note the content of the Ofsted feedback letter and comment on Shropshire's Action Plan.

## REPORT

A short focused visit by Ofsted took place on 4 and 5 September 2019. This visit focused on Shropshire Council's arrangements for achieving permanency for Looked After Children, and the progress made against the recommendations made in the 2017 report following their full inspection of services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers, and review of the safeguarding children board.

The focused visit lasted 2 days and was undertaken by 2 Ofsted inspectors. The inspectors looked at a range of evidence and met with social workers and managers.

The inspectors' judgement was that since its last inspection in 2017 Shropshire

Council Childrens Services has made progress and improvements in services for children who need permanent arrangements for their care, whilst noting that there are still some areas for improvement. The full outcome letter is attached at Appendix A and Shropshire's Action Plan to address these areas is attached at Appendix B.

**List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)**

Ofsted inspection report on Shropshire Children's Services 2017

**Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)**

Cllr Ed Potter

**Local Member**

All Members

**Appendices**

**Appendix A: Ofsted feedback letter following the focused visit**

**Appendix B: Shropshire's Permanency Action Plan**