

Children & Young People Select Committee

A meeting of Children & Young People Select Committee was held on Wednesday, 9th December, 2009.

Present: Cllr David Harrington (Chairman), Cllr Jim Beall, Cllr Mrs Ann Cains, Cllr Aidan Cockerill, Cllr Mick Eddy, Cllr Maurice Frankland, Cllr Miss Barbara Inman, Cllr Alan Lewis, Cllr Andrew Sherris.

Officers: Ian Edmunds, Jane Harvey, Shaun McLurg, Jayne Palmer (CESC); Graham Birtle, Fiona Shayler (LD); Jim Bell (R).

Also in attendance:

Apologies: were submitted on behalf of Cllr Phillip Broughton, Mr Davies.

1 **Declarations of Interest**

2 **Efficiency, Improvement and Transformation (EIT) Review of Child Placements and Residential Care**

Ian Edmunds was in attendance to provide Members with detail on a SWOT analysis for the potential options for Complex and Additional Needs (CAN). There were two options provided:-

1. To increase availability of sub-regional provision for 'hard to place' children/young people with complex needs
2. To enhance the local specialist support for children and young people with Complex Needs in order to maintain them within the Borough - this embraces educational provision, mental health/challenging behaviour support and widening the remit of the Complex Needs Social Work team to include groups such as Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Attention Defecit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), etc. The intention would be to enable a rapid early and maintained response to prevent an escalation of need.

Members held full discussion on both of the options and felt that the preferred option would be Option 1. Members were aware that gaps existed in the current provision and advised that Officers should be given the flexibility to work towards achieving option 1.

CONCLUDED that Members support Option 1 and that Officers be given the flexibility to consider the matter further.

3 **Work Programme**

The next meeting would be held on 6th January 2010 to consider the draft report.

CONCLUDED that the work programme be noted.

4 **Chair's Update**

None