

Children & Young People Select Committee

A meeting of Children & Young People Select Committee was held on Wednesday, 18th November, 2009.

Present: Cllr David Harrington (Chairman), Cllr Jim Beall, Cllr Phillip Broughton, Cllr Aidan Cockerill (vice Cllr Sherris), Cllr Maurice Frankland, Cllr Miss Barbara Inman, Cllr Alan Lewis, Cllr Bill Noble (vice Cllr Mrs Cains).

Officers: Shaun McLurg, Joanne Moore, Jane Palmer (CESC); Graham Birtle, Fiona Shayler (LD); Jim Bell (R).

Also in attendance: Mr G Davies (Non voting co-opted representative).

Apologies: were submitted on behalf of Cllr Eddy, Cllr Mrs Cains, Cllr Sherris; Mr D Campbell, Mr R Cash, Mr Frank.

1 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Noble declared a personal/non prejudicial interest in relation to Agenda Item No. 4 EIT Review of Child Placements and Residential Care further to undertaking care home visits.

2 **Draft Minutes - 28th October 2009**

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th October 2009 were agreed as a correct record.

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

Members were provided with a SWOT Analysis for Kinship Care and Additional Residential Capacity. Members were also provided with a viability paper for Increased Residential Capacity.

Members discussed the three options in the SWOT analysis for Kinship Care and felt that Option 3 was the preferred option.

Option 3 - the local authority accepts a duty to support kinship arrangements. Policy is designed to offer different levels of support to different arrangements eg. greater support including financial support arrangements to those children previously looked after or where the local authority has opened care proceedings.

However, Members felt that this option should be agreed with caviats to enable Officers to identify pockets of funding available and to ensure that a review would take place in 12 months time.

Members also considered the potential options for Additional Residential Capacity. Members preferred Option 2/Model 3, which was to develop Local Authority Residential Provision.

CONCLUDED that:-

1. Kinship Care - Option 3 be agreed subject to further investigations into funding and a review take place in 12 months time.

2. Additional Residential Capacity - Option 2/Model 3 be agreed.

4 **Work Programme**

Members were informed that Ian Edmunds would be attending the next meeting on Wednesday 2nd December 2009.

CONCLUDED that the Work Programme be agreed.

5 **Chair's Update**

None

