

# Children & Young People Select Committee

A meeting of Children & Young People Select Committee was held on Wednesday, 26th January, 2011.

**Present:** Cllr Mick Eddy (Chairman), Cllr Phillip Broughton, Cllr Mrs Ann Cains, Cllr Dick Cains, Cllr Aidan Cockerill (vice Cllr Andrew Sherris), Cllr John Fletcher (vice Cllr Julia Cherrett), Cllr Miss Barbara Inman.

**Officers:** Terry Frank, Jane Humphreys, Shaun McLurg (CESC); Fiona McKie, Judith Trainer (LD).

**Also in attendance:** David Campbell, George Davies (Co-opted Non Voting Representatives).

**Apologies:** were submitted on behalf of Cllr Maurice Frankland, Cllr David Harrington, Cllr Andrew Sherris. Mr Malcolm Frank (Diocesan Rep).

## 1 **Declarations of Interest**

None

## 2 **Minutes for Signing - 10th and 24th November 2010**

The minutes of the meeting of the 10th and 24th November 2010 were signed by the chairman as a correct record.

## 3 **Draft Minutes - 15th December 2010**

The draft minutes of the 15th December 2010 were agreed as a correct record.

## 4 **EIT Task and Finish Report - Integrated Youth Support Service (IYSS): Connexions, Targeted Youth Support & Preventions**

Jane Humphreys provided an update on the recent announcements in relation to the Comprehensive Spending Review particularly in relation to the Early Intervention Grants. It was noted that a number of grants including the grant for Connexions, Youth Crime, Teenage Pregnancy, Children's Fund, Children with Disabilities Fund amongst others had been rolled into one grant and that funding levels had reduced significantly.

Members were presented with the final report and recommendations for the EIT review of Connexions. However, it was noted that this would now form part of a wider EIT review of Early Intervention Grants services.

The Committee commented on the positive work carried out in Stockton and the success in reducing the numbers of young people not in education, employment or training (NEET) although Members expressed concern that there were still a high number of NEET/Not Known young people within the Borough.

Members had concerns about the quality of some careers advice provided in schools and commented that it was critical that all young people had access to quality careers guidance.

It was acknowledged that the Council would be in the position of increasing demand on the service with less resources and that there would be a need to focus resources on targeted support.

Members highlighted the importance of early intervention which they felt could start at Primary School but recognised that the service was focussed in the main on the secondary age group.

Members supported the proposal to restructure Integrated Youth Support Services as part of a wider EIT review of Early Intervention Grants services, also taking into account the outcome of the Review of Youth Services.

CONCLUDED that Members noted the report and supported the proposal to restructure Integrated Youth Support Services as part of the wider EIT review of Early Intervention Grants

services.

## **5 Work Programme**

The next meeting would be held on 9th March 2011 to discuss the action plan from the Youth Service Review and Service reconfiguration proposals.

Members also requested that a further meeting be arranged for Wednesday 30th March 2011 to carry out a review of the Committees work.

CONCLUDED that the Work Programme be noted.

## **6 Chair's Update**

Members were informed that their EIT Review of Youth Services had been presented to Cabinet and that all of the recommendations had been agreed. The Chairman thanked the Committee for their hard work and commitment during the review.

CONCLUDED that the Chair's Update be noted.