

## **Children & Young People Select Committee**

A meeting of Children & Young People Select Committee was held on Wednesday, 25th January, 2012.

**Present:** Cllr Barbara Inman (Chairman), Cllr Carol Clark, Cllr Ben Houchen, Cllr Elliot Kennedy, Cllr Ray McCall, Cllr Andrew Sherris (vice Cllr Ken Lupton), Cllr Tracey Stott

**Officers:** Beccy Brown (C); Lynda Brown (CESC); Fiona McKie, Judith Trainer (LD).

**Also in attendance:** Mr R G Lupton, Mr D Campbell (Non Voting Co-opted Representatives).

**Apologies:** were submitted on behalf of Cllr Mick Eddy, Cllr Ken Lupton, Cllr Ross Patterson; N Moffat (Diocesan Representative).

### **1 Evacuation Procedure**

The Evacuation Procedure was noted.

### **2 Declarations of Interest**

None

### **3 Minutes for Signing 23rd November 2011**

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd November 2011 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

AGREED that the minutes were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### **4 Minutes of previous meeting - 14th December 2011**

Consideration was given to the draft minutes of the meeting held on 14th December 2011.

Matters Arising

Members held discussion on 'Managed Moves' and it was requested that the protocol be circulated to Members.

AGREED that the minutes be approved.

### **5 EIT Review of the Introduction of the Early Intervention Grant - Action Plan**

Members were provided with the Action Plan for the EIT Review of the Early Intervention Grant (EIG).

Members discussed the procurement process to seek a partner to deliver Children's Centre operations. It was stated that deadline for bids was 27th January and that successful service providers would be announced by 12th March 2012. The Chair and Vice Chair as well as other appropriate partners were all involved in the procurement process.

Formal consultation with Unions and Employees to redesign the Early Years

Service would expire on 10th February 2012.

AGREED that the EIG Action Plan be approved.

## **6 EIT Review of School Effectiveness**

Members were provided with a presentation on the Initial Options and Proposals for the EIT Review of School Effectiveness.

The following broad proposals were discussed by the Committee:-

1. Align and integrate teams and personnel so that the structure enables efficient and effective service delivery and removes duplication. Where staff and teams are pupil facing, improve outcomes.
2. Review and strengthen business models for 'buy back' services so that we can compete with other providers of the same services.
3. Design a 'whole system' school improvement model, rooted in collaboration with Stockton Schools so that we can build capacity for school to school support and include a cost recovery mechanism for the LA and participating schools.
4. Bring forward options that create capacity and resource in business planning and commissioning and that will support schools in what they see as strategic partnership priorities.
5. To review Terms and Conditions/contractual arrangements.
6. To monitor the impact of other reviews/changes on service levels and outcomes for children.
7. Re-align premature retirement and redundancy costs.

It was reported that the broad themes were currently being shared with employees, Governors and Head Teachers. The Trade Unions had been consulted and had commented. Further meetings were due to be held with both Primary and Secondary Head Teachers.

Further reports would be presented on 22nd February and 21st March 2012. The final report would be ready to submit to Cabinet in April.

AGREED that the information be received.

## **7 Quarterly Progress Update on Previously Agreed Recommendations**

Members were requested to consider the assessments of progress contained within the attached Progress Updates on the implementation of previously agreed recommendations. There were outstanding recommendations from the reviews of Child Placements and Universal Youth Services.

AGREED that the Progress Updates be noted and the assessments for

progress be confirmed.

## **8 Work Programme**

The next meeting would be held on 22nd February 2012 and a further meeting was agreed to be arranged on 21st March 2012.

AGREED that the Work Programme be noted.

## **9 Chairs Update**

It was reported that the next topics for review by the Executive Scrutiny Committee would be Quality of Childcare and Child Placements/Foster Care.

It was also noted that at the last meeting of this Municipal Year Members would receive a refresh on the scrutiny toolkit on how to demonstrate value for money and other key ingredients of a scrutiny review.

AGREED that the Chair's update be noted.