

## **Briefing Note**

### **Outline of presentation for Children & Young People Select Committee**

**10 September 2012**

#### **Quality of Childcare Provision**

##### **A presentation to members will cover the following topics.**

- Local and comparative Ofsted data in relation to outcomes for settings. This will cover childminders, private nurseries and community schools provision. There will be an explanation of the various Ofsted frameworks, the similarities and differences.
- An outline of the working arrangements and relationship between the local authority and settings.
- Further information will be provided on the 'Next Steps' tracking system which was referred to at the last meeting. This will include examples of how this would be used to record progress of specific children to support a deeper understanding of the process.
- Further information regarding 'Journey to Outstanding' will be included in the presentation. There will be examples of good practice and an explanation of the key issues in under performance of childminders. There will be a consideration of what could be put in place with regard to performing poorly providers who do not currently engage with support systems.
- There will be an exploration of the proposal to develop exiting networks for childminders who could then be part of the delivery plan for the extended offer of funded places for targeted 2 year olds.

##### **Journey to Outstanding in practice**

A Stockton childminder will attend the meeting to provide members with an insight into the relationship between childminder and local authority in Stockton and to talk about her experience of using the Journey to Outstanding toolkit and the role of the Childminder Network.

##### **Site visits**

We will confirm arrangements for site visits and share with members a 'Frequently Asked Questions' factsheet designed for parents to use when visiting settings, which could be a useful tool for members on these visits.

##### **Further opportunities**

**Members will be offered the opportunity to attend either or both of the following events which are scheduled for September/October**

- A childminder network recruitment event (8<sup>th</sup> October 2012). Members are welcome to observe the session after which there will be the opportunity to engage in a focused discussion afterwards, with current network members, on quality and sufficiency of childcare issues
- An Information session on the new 2 year old offer for head teachers. The date for this event is to be confirmed. The agenda will include an item on quality and sufficiency of childcare.