

## **Children and Young People Select Committee**

### **Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 17 November 2009**

#### **EIT Review of Child Placements and Residential Care**

##### **Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)**

Outcomes UK attended a meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> November to complete stage three of the process. Outcomes UK are carrying out a Collaboration Feasibility Study for Specialist Fostering Service on behalf of the North East Improvement and Efficiency Partnership. They are researching a Sub-Regional Specialist Fostering Service as means of achieving critical mass for specialist services that the majority of local authorities would struggle to achieve in their own right. A total expenditure of approximately £1.5 million over three years would result in a specialist fostering service typically providing 25 concurrent placements and a total cost avoidance of approximately £1.8 million would be realised based upon the cost of external placements. Therefore the service would break even in its third year and realise an overall cost saving of near £0.29 million in this period.

See the review flowchart for the next stages of the review which is projected to be completed on 11 March 2010.

#### **EIT Reporting In Review – Youth Service Provision**

The Committee will be holding an all member seminar on 2<sup>nd</sup> December to receive an update/further information from Peter Seller before a report is submitted to Cabinet on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

#### **Overview Meeting**

The Committee met the Cabinet Member, Corporate Director and Heads of Service on 28<sup>th</sup> October to receive the overview of the Children, Education and Social Care service.

The Committee received the initial progress report for the Review of Obesity from Ruth Hill who is acting Director of Public Health for Stockton-on-Tees Teaching PCT.

The Committee also received a monitoring update for the Review of Bullying.

#### **Monitoring Updates**

The Committee will receive its next updates at its meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> February.

# Review of Child Placements and Residential Care - Flowchart

