

Children and Young People Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 5 July 2011

Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)

Task and Finish Review of the Impact of the Introduction of the Early Intervention Grant

The Select Committee met on 9 June to review the scope and project plan for the officer led Task and Finish Review of the Impact of the Introduction of the Early Intervention Grant. Work commenced during Year 2 of the EIT programme and the review is being undertaken in three work streams:

- Integrated Youth Support Services – To implement the recommendations of the earlier EIT reviews of Universal Youth Services and Integrated Youth Support Services and Cabinet decisions of 17 February 2011

The Committee were pleased that the consultation process had been very constructive and significant progress had been made towards achieving the transition to the new staffing structure through the voluntary redundancy process

- Other EIG related services and back office support – Examining services crossing age ranges, including implementation of proposed staffing restructuring agreed by Cabinet in March 2011 with any further proposals affecting front line delivery to be subject to further agreement by Cabinet

The Committee received details of the reorganisation of back office functions authorised by Cabinet in March and proposals for a small range of front office services which would be subject to further approval by Cabinet. Members supported the proposals for savings identified.

- Early Years and Childcare – A fundamental review of early years services reporting to Cabinet in the Autumn

Work to date had focused on information gathering across the Borough including work to identify areas of most need using a range of measures highlighting where children were under achieving in early years. The Committee supported the principle of a more targeted approach to delivery of services. A consultation document will be developed for further consideration by the Committee on 29 June prior to consideration by Cabinet in July.

Monitoring Update

The Committee will be receiving a report on Quarterly Progress Updates at their meeting on 29 June. The current situation is summarised below:

- EIT Review of Child Placements (3 recs outstanding, no savings realised to date)
- EIT Reviews of Youth Service (8 recs outstanding) and Integrated Youth Support Service (4 recs outstanding). The Service is on target to make £1.045m savings in 2012/13
- Bullying – not fully signed off
- Obesity (3 recs outstanding)

Forward Programme

The Committee's overview meeting has been rescheduled to take place in September when the Select Committee EIT review of School Improvement will also commence.