

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

### **Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 2 August 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 again to give further consideration to the officer led Task and Finish Review of the Impact of the Introduction of the Early Intervention Grant. Work was 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

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.

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

At their last meeting on 29 June 2011, the Committee received a report which set out a consultation plan and draft consultation document in respect of the review of early years services.

The consultation was seeking views on the future of early years services and on plans to re-focus delivery towards those in most need. The Council was also seeking to develop closer working relationships with the third sector.

The Committee discussed the various options and the consultation process including alternative delivery models and the need to ensure adequate consultation methods are in place to reach Hard to Reach Groups and non users. The Committee supported the consultation proposals.

A further report would be submitted to the Committee in October with the outcome of the consultation and draft proposals for the future of early years services.

#### **Forward Programme**

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