

Children and Young People Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 4 October 2011

Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)

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

This officer led Task and Finish Review of the Impact of the Introduction of the Early Intervention Grant has been undertaken in three work streams. Work on the Integrated Youth Support Services and Other EIG related services and back office support has concluded and reported to Cabinet. The Committee are now concerned with the final strand of the review which involves a fundamental review of early years services which is due to report to Cabinet in November.

An extensive consultation on the future of early years services is underway. The consultation is seeking views on plans to re-focus delivery towards those in most need and to develop closer working relationships with the third sector. The consultation is due to conclude on 7 October and a report on the outcome of the consultation and final proposals will be presented to the Select Committee for comment on 26 October prior to submission to Cabinet.

Committee Members have also had the opportunity to visit children's centres in the Borough with visits taking place on 9 September, 29 September and 1 October.

Overview Meeting

On 7 September the Committee held its annual overview meeting receiving a presentation on achievements, challenges and emerging issues for children and young people's services. The Committee also received a report from Collin Morris, the independent chair of the Local Safeguarding Children Board.

Forward Programme

The Select Committee's EIT review of School Improvement will commence in October.