

Children and Young People Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 25 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 concluded on 7 October with over 700 responses being received. A report on the outcome of the consultation and final proposals for early years will be presented to the Select Committee for comment on 26 October prior to submission to Cabinet.

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

Forward Programme

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