

# **Arts, Leisure and Culture Select Committee**

## **Update 27 March 2012**

### **EIT Programme**

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

##### **Officer-led EIT Reviews**

##### ***Children's Social Care***

The Committee were presented with a copy of the draft final report of the officer led EIT review Children's Social Care Review on 23 February for comment.

The Committee supported the preferred options which would:

- Make the service more responsive and flexible to the needs of service users, by aiming to reduce the number of unnecessary changes of social worker and team required for any children and families in receipt of social care services.
- Ensure the service is better able to cope with increasing workload pressures, by sharing the workload more evenly across social work teams and enhancing the professional. Development of staff.
- Enable the service to be provided in the most efficient and cost effective manner by reducing the current reliance on temporary arrangements and costly agency staff.

Members acknowledged the difficulties in making savings in this area but recognised the need to continually improve and transform the service while also ensuring that it is being provided in the most efficient way.

The report was presented to Cabinet in March together with the Committee's comments.

##### **Scrutiny Development Session**

The Committee received a refresh session on the key elements and stages of a scrutiny review in preparation for their next review, Marketing of Stockton's Visitor Offer, which will begin in the next municipal year.

The scope and project plan for the review will be presented to Committee on 2 May.

##### **Overview**

The annual overview of services within the Committee's remit will be presented to Members on 2 May.