

Children and Young People Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 27 March 2012

Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)

EIT Review of Early Intervention Grant (EIG)

At their last meeting on 25 January, the Committee received the Action Plan for the EIT review of EIG. The procurement process to seek partners to provide services from selected children centres was underway and both the Chair and Vice Chair would be involved in the tender clarification process.

The formal consultation with unions and staff was due to end on 10 February.

EIT Review of School Effectiveness

The Committee received initial options and proposals at the meeting held on 25 January. The broad proposals discussed by the Committee were:

- Align and integrate teams and personnel so that the structure enables efficient and effective service delivery and removes duplication. Where staff and teams are pupil facing; improve outcomes.
- Review and strengthen business models for “buy back” services so that we can compete with other providers of the same services.
- Design a “whole system” school improvement model, rooted in collaboration with Stockton Schools so that we can build capacity for school to school support and include a cost recovery mechanism for the LA and participating schools.
- Bring forward options that create capacity and resources in business planning and commissioning and that will support schools in what they see as strategic partnership priorities.
- To review terms and conditions/contractual arrangements
- To monitor the impact of other reviews/changes on service levels and outcomes for children.
- Re align premature retirement and redundancy costs

The proposals would be shared with Headteachers, Governors, Staff and Trade Unions for consultation and the results of this consultation will be presented with the draft recommendation to Members at the meeting to be held on 21 March.

This review is scheduled to report to Cabinet in May.

Overview

The annual overview of services within the Committee’s remit will be presented to Members on 25 April.