

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

### **Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 6 June 2012**

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

##### **EIT Review of School Effectiveness**

The Committee's final report on the EIT review of School Effectiveness was considered by Cabinet on 17 May 2012. Cabinet approved the Committee's recommendations:

- 1) To align and integrate teams to ensure efficient and effective service delivery and support for schools
- 2) To review business models for commissioning and buy back services in the context of Campus Stockton Prospectus
- 3) Put in place a modernised 'whole system' school improvement model, rooted in collaboration with Stockton schools and key partners and stakeholders

The recommendations will achieve an annual saving of £200,000 and a one off saving of £0.5m.

##### **Scrutiny Review – Quality of Childcare**

At their next meeting in July, the Committee will be considering the draft scope for the Committee's next review of Quality of Childcare.

The main issues and overall aim of this review are as follows:

- To continue to improve the quality of childcare and therefore outcomes for children.
- To identify and plug gaps in provision in order to meet need.
- To prepare for the duty to provide places for disadvantaged 2 year olds by 2013.

The Committee will undertake the following key lines of enquiry:

- Sufficiency of childcare – how can the Council meet gaps in provision?
- Quality of childcare – how can the Council improve quality of provision?
- How should the Council's quality improvement programme be used in order to raise standards?
- Evaluation of current support arrangements – are they sufficiently provider focused?
- Do we ensure that parents have access to information to make informed choices?

The Committee will be reviewing the following information:

- Summary of statutory requirements under the Childcare Act 2006
- Government consultation proposals
- Stockton on Tees "A Journey to Outstanding" quality improvement programme
- Analysis of childcare places and gap analysis
- Analysis of Ofsted ratings and reports

In addition consultation with providers and parents will be undertaken as well as site visits to nurseries.

The review is scheduled to report to Cabinet next February.

### **Other Work**

Also at their July meeting, the Committee will be also be receiving the action plan for the EIT Review of School Effectiveness together with the progress updates from the previous reviews of Child Placements and the Early Intervention Grant review.