

Children and Young People Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 26 February 2013

Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)

Scrutiny Review – Quality of Childcare

The Committee met on 19 December and 20 February to review the evidence received and agree the final report and recommendations. During the review Members had received evidence regarding:

- Ofsted Outcomes
- Toolkits, networks and other methods used to improve quality
- Providers experience
- Statutory guidance for three and four year old entitlement
- Two year old entitlement
- Childcare Sufficiency Assessment

The recommendations aim to:

- Improve information available to parents when making decisions on childcare
- Consider the use to networks and peer support to improve quality of childcare
- Ensure officers continue work to ensure any gaps in the provision of places are identified and met.

The Committee are also assessing the impact of the recent government announcement on Childcare.

The final report and recommendations will be presented to Executive Scrutiny Committee on 26 February.

The review is scheduled to report to Cabinet in March 2013.