
Meeting: Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Date: 30 November 2010
Subject: Corporate Budget Strategy – Service Reconfiguration & Reduction Savings Proposals
Report of: Cllr Maurice Jones, Portfolio Holder Finance, Governance & People
Summary: The report allows Members the opportunity to consider the viability and suitability of the service reconfiguration and reduction proposals relating to the Children's Services Directorate.

Advising Officer: Richard Ellis, Director of Customer & Shared Services
Contact Officer: Bernard Carter, Overview & Scrutiny Manager
Public/Exempt: Public
Wards Affected: All
Function of: Council

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

The corporate budget strategy impacts upon all 5 Council priorities.

Financial:

As detailed in the report.

Legal:

As detailed in the report.

Risk Management:

As detailed in the report.

Staffing (including Trades Unions):

As detailed in the report.

Equalities/Human Rights:

As detailed in the report.

Community Safety:

As detailed in the report.

Sustainability:

As detailed in the report.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **that the Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee:**
 - (a) **considers the viability and suitability of the service reconfiguration and reduction proposals relating to the Children's Services Directorate; and**
 - (b) **submits its comments, observations and recommendations, if any, to the next meeting of the Executive on 7 December 2010.**

1. As Members will be aware, at its meeting of 2 November 2010 the Executive considered the report of its Portfolio Holder for Finance, Governance & People regarding the council's Corporate Budget Strategy.
2. Contained within the Executive report (at Appendices A and B) were a number of outline savings proposals affecting all four directorates and the Office of the Chief Executive, which were approved in principle subject to further consultation with relevant Overview & Scrutiny Committees on those service reconfiguration and reduction proposals contained within Appendix B to the Executive report.
3. Members of the Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee are therefore asked to consider the viability and suitability of these proposals, which for ease of reference are attached to this report. Any comments, observations or recommendations arising will be submitted to the next meeting of the Executive on 7 December 2010.
4. In order to save the cost of reproducing the whole Corporate Budget Strategy report however, Members are asked to bring their 2 November Executive agenda with them to the meeting on 30 November 2010.

Appendix: Appendix B(i) – Saving Proposals - Service Reconfiguration and Reductions Additional Information

[A copy of the papers for the Executive on 2 November can be found at:

<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/modgov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=577&MId=3344&Ver=4>]