

Meeting: Children’s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date: 01 April 2014
Subject: The Development of Early Intervention, Early Help delivered through Children’s Centres
Report of: Cllr M.A.G. Versallion, Executive Member for Children’s Services
Summary: The report proposes that members consider possible options for consultation for the future delivery of early help through Children’s Centres.

Advising Officer: Edwina Grant, Deputy Chief Executive / Director of Children’s Services
Contact Officer: Sue Tyler, Head of Child Poverty and Early Intervention
Public/Exempt: Public
Wards Affected: All
Function of: Council

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

- Improved educational attainment.
- Promote health and wellbeing and protecting the vulnerable.

Financial:

1. This will be completed on the attached Executive Paper

Legal:

2. This will be completed on the attached Executive paper

Risk Management:

3. This will be completed on the attached Executive paper .

Staffing (including Trades Unions):

4. Not Applicable.

Equalities/Human Rights:

5. To ensure that any decision does not unfairly discriminate, public authorities must be rigorous in reporting to Members the outcome of an equality impact assessment and the legal duties.

6. Public Authorities must ensure that decisions are made in a way which minimises unfairness, and without a disproportionately negative effect on people from different ethnic groups, disabled people, women and men. It is important that Councillors are aware of this duty before they take a decision.

When decisions are made, decision makers must have the relevant data, including the results of equality impact assessment, and of consultation and involvement, to ensure they reach an informed decision.

Public Health

7. This will be completed on the attached Executive Paper

Community Safety:

8. Not Applicable

Sustainability:

9. Not Applicable.

Procurement:

10. This will be completed on the attached Executive Paper .

RECOMMENDATION:**The Committee is asked to:-**

- 1. Consider possible options for Public Consultation Developing the Early Intervention, Early Help offer delivered through Children's Centres.**

Preparing for Public Consultation

11. It is proposed that a paper goes to the Executive Committee on 27 May 2014 with some options which will form the basis of the public consultation to commence that day and run until 19 August 2014.
12. A draft version of this Executive Paper is at Appendix A.
13. The draft contains 10 possible models, along with background information and explanations of the development of the possible models.
14. It has been advised that approx. four models would be appropriate for the public consultation exercise.

Conclusion and Next Steps

15. The views of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be taken into account in development of the final version of the paper for Executive.

Timeline

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| 16. | 01 April 2014 | Overview and Scrutiny - Principals of consultation |
| | 27 May 2014 | Executive – Permission to Consult |
| | 27 May to 19 Aug | Consultation Process |
| | 23 September | Executive – Outcome of Consultation |
| | September onwards | Operational delivery options |
| | 13 Jan 2015 | If needed – Approval of tender outcome |
| | 01 April 2015 | New delivery model commences |

Appendices:

Appendix A – Draft Executive Paper 27 May 2014 - Developing the Early Intervention, Early Help offer delivered through Children's Centres