

## Meeting of the Full Council – 26 May 2016

### Report on the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee meetings on 9 March and 20 April 2016

**Chair: County Councillor Gina Dowding**

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#### 9 March 2016

##### **Children's Partnership Board Representatives - Services Overview**

Representatives from the Children's Partnership Boards presented an overview of their services areas to the Committee.

**Resolved:** To identify the issues raised from the four presentations to feedback to the Children's Services Directors and the Post Inspection Improvement Board.

##### **Draft Work Plan**

The draft work plan was presented for discussion and recommendations from the Committee.

##### **Resolved:**

- i. Committee noted the report and the draft work plan
- ii. Work plan to be updated following discussions held
- iii. Officers from Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and Youth Offending Team to attend the meeting in April to present an overview of services
- iv. Review of the information previously presented to the Education Scrutiny Committee
- v. Volunteers for the two sub groups to Wendy Broadley prior to the next meeting
- vi. Meeting dates booked for June and July to be utilised for the sub group work if required
- vii. Next full Committee meeting to take place in April and then to meet on a quarterly basis with the following meeting in September

20 April 2016

### **Newton Consultants**

A representative from Newton Consultants led the Committee through a presentation on the Children's Pathways Review and the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities findings (SEND). The presentation included the findings from assessments completed on the Children with Disabilities (CwD) and Integrated Assessment and Monitoring (IAM) teams within the Special Education Needs and Disabilities service.

**Resolved:** The Committee noted and commented on the presentation.

### **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities**

A brief overview was presented to the Committee on the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities service and three key areas of work for the Committee to consider as a focus for the sub group.

**Resolved:** The Committee:

- i. Confirmed and noted the members for the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities sub group of the Committee
- ii. Considered which area of the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities service to review through the sub group
- iii. Confirmed a review to be completed by the sub group on Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (best interest)

### **Youth Offending Team**

A brief overview was presented to the Committee on the Youth Offending Team and three key areas of work for the Committee to consider as a focus for the sub group.

**Resolved:** The Committee:

- i. Considered and agreed which area of the Youth Offending Team service to review through a sub group of the Committee
- ii. Confirmed and noted the sub group members
- iii. Confirmed work to be completed by the sub group on the links to preventative services
- iv. To receive further information on the ethnic representation of the 177 young people who re-offend

### **Update from the Chair**

The Chair provided a verbal update on work which has taken place outside of the Committee by herself and CC Susie Charles.

**Resolved:** The Committee noted the update provided.

**Work Plan**

It was confirmed that any work completed by the Chair and Deputy Chair outside of the Committee meetings would be added to the plan. In addition, two further areas would be added to the work plan on challenging performance management and staffing structures.

**Resolved:** The Committee:

- i. Agreed the suggested additional areas for the work plan
- ii. Noted and commented on the report