

CHILDREN'S SERVICES REVIEW COMMITTEE

12th March 2009

CABINET REPORT – COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION GUIDANCE

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE and CITY SOLICITOR

**Strategic Priority : Healthy City, Learning City
Corporate Improvement Objectives: CIO1 & CIO3**

1. Why has this report come to the Committee?

- 1.1 The Cabinet report on the draft guidance relating to new powers for councillors designed to help them solve problems in their wards is provided for further comment to Members of the Children's Services Review Committee.

2. Background

- 2.1 The report was presented to Cabinet on 11 March 2009 and looks at the new powers known as the Councillor Call for Action (CCfA).

3. Current position

- 3.1 The report provides information and draft guidance on the new powers as well as highlighting how improvements promoted through the emerging Community Leadership Programme will support the Council in approaching CCfA in the most constructive and effective manner.
- 3.2 It is further proposed that a Members' workshop be held to provide training to Members and receive further comments before the draft guidance is finalised for inclusion in the Overview and Scrutiny handbook.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The report provides draft guidance and the opportunity for Members of the committee to provide comments.

5. Recommendation

- 5.1 That the Children's Services note and provide comment on the draft guidance for CCfA.

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