

# SUNDERLAND WEST AREA COMMITTEE

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## REPORT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

### COMMUNITY ACTION IN SUNDERLAND WEST: IDENTIFYING NEW ISSUES AND AGREEING ACTIONS (2011/12 WORK PLAN)

#### 1. Why has it come to Committee?

1.1 To enable the future development of area based working, the Area Committee requires detailed information to be freely available from a number of different sources.

#### 2. Locality Working: Children Services

2.1 Children Services have recently restructured in response to changes happening both locally and nationally. The restructure provides sharper focus on improving key outcomes, delivered against five key service areas. The key services areas are:

- Schools and Learning: Mike Foster
- Safeguarding: Meg Boustead
- **Early Intervention and Locality Services:** **Sandra Mitchell**
- Commissioning and Change Management: Beverley Scanlon
- Health: Lorraine Hughes

2.2 The aim of Early Intervention service is to deliver services in an integrated way, which will have a clear focus on early intervention and the whole family. The structure is based across, and delivered in, each of the five areas of the City and is underpinned by the Common Assessment Framework (CAF). A Locality Operational Manager has been appointed in each area. The West Manager is Simone Common. Each Locality Operational Manager has a dual role of citywide professional lead for a specific service as well as the operational lead for the range of services which are delivered within the area. The locality services base will be the Sandhill Centre.

2.3 Services included as part of the team are:

1. Children's Centres and incorporated 0-5 service delivery including childcare
2. Risk and Resilience including substance misuse
3. Connexions
4. Educational Psychology Service
5. Youth Development Group

2.4 In addition to the above there is a range of City wide delivery which is part of the service, for example, XL Youth Villages and Childcare as well as services outside of the team which support children and families locally, for example behaviour intervention.

2.5 Following the restructure most staff are now in post and working within the locality.

#### 3. Recommendations

- i) Note the report
- ii) Invite the West Locality Operational Manager to become a member of Area Committee.

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