

POLICY DEVELOPMENT & REVIEW 2011/12: EXPERT JURY DAY

LINK TO WORK PROGRAMME: POLICY DEVELOPMENT & REVIEW

Report of the Chief Executive

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 To support evidence gathering for this year's policy review 'As Soon As Possible: Early intervention and locality services in Sunderland' and prepare for the Jury event to be held on 14th December 2011. The Expert Jury is designed to allow Members to question internal staff, service providers and key stakeholders in addition to the opportunities presented at Committees and through further evidence gathering processes.

2. Background Information

2.1 Work began on the policy review with Members agreeing the scope and title of the report. Members agreed to focus the review around early intervention and locality based services. The review's aims are:

- To understand and define the Early Intervention offer;
- To look at the Common Assessment Framework (CAF) process and how this directly links to intervention and support;
- To identify and understand the pathways, benefits and barriers to families and/or individuals accessing early intervention support;
- To investigate the impact of support available and identify if these approaches are coordinated, multi-agency in nature and deliver an improvement in outcomes;
- To consider how interventions can be robustly monitored to evaluate outcomes and provide information to further develop service delivery, and;
- To look at examples of good practice from across the region and country in relation to the policy review.

3. Draft Itinerary for the Expert Jury Day

3.1 The draft itinerary, subject to change following member's discussions, for the event is as follows:

9:30 – 9:45	Introduction and Context	
9:45 – 10:15	Parent Partnership Perspective	Ros Watt
10:15 – 10:30	Member discussion	
10:30 – 11:00	Early Years Perspective	Rachel Putz
11:00 – 11:15	Member discussion	
11:15 – 11:45	Youth Offending Perspective	Louise Hill
11:45 – 13:00	Member discussion & Lunch	
13:00 – 13:30	Universal Setting Perspective	Carol Crompton
13:30 – 13:40	Member Discussion	
13:40 – 14:10	Children’s Centre Perspective	Lynne Goldsmith
14:10 – 14:20	Member Discussion	
14:20 – 14:50	Local Authority Perspective	Sandra Mitchell
14:50 – 15:00	End	

3.2 The expert jury witnesses are currently in the process of being invited to attend the event and the Scrutiny Officer will provide an update at the meeting in terms of progress with organising the event.

4. Approach to the Expert Jury

4.1 The Expert Jury Event will be based around 3 questions:

1. The Sunderland response to early intervention requires a co-ordinated multi-agency response, where appropriate, what are the benefits to this form of approach?
2. Intervention strategies can help families and individuals enormously but what barriers might exist to prevent access to support?
3. How can the outcomes and impacts of early intervention strategies be measured effectively with benefits often only truly identified/realised years later?

- 4.2 Each witness will be asked the same three questions with Members using follow-up probing questions as necessary. Question sheets will be provided at the event to enable Members to easily make notes.
- 4.3 Notes of the Expert Jury Event will be taken to ensure that the discussions and responses are recorded to help the review committee in developing their recommendations based on the evidence collected.

5. Policy Review Timetable

- 5.1 Attached at Appendix 1 is an updated policy review timetable which reflects the work carried out and the work to be undertaken.

6. Recommendation

- 6.1 It is recommended that Members receive evidence at this Expert Jury Day and make comments for inclusion in the final report.
- 6.2 Members are asked to comment on the main questions to be used in conjunction with the jury event.

7. Background Papers

Children, Young People and Learning Scrutiny Committee Papers

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