

**POLICY DEVELOPMENT & REVIEW 2011/12: DRAFT FINAL REPORT**

**LINK TO WORK PROGRAMME: POLICY DEVELOPMENT & REVIEW**

**Report of the Chief Executive**

**1. Why has this report come to committee?**

- 1.1 The report provides Members of the committee with the final draft report from the evidence gathered in relation to this year's policy review on early intervention.
- 1.2 The review report presents in detail the evidence, research and conclusions drawn throughout the review process and recommendations arising from this evidence gathering. Members are asked to give consideration to the final report and the recommendations of the policy review.
- 1.3 The review into early intervention has clear links to the Councils Strategic Priorities in particular around prosperous city and learning city priorities. The review also has links to Corporate Priorities on delivering customer focused services and improving partnership working.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 At a meeting of the Children, Young People and Learning Scrutiny Committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2011, following discussions regarding the Work Programme, the Committee agreed to focus on early intervention and locality services.
- 2.2 The review came at an important time in light of the work and development that was being undertaken around early intervention and locality based services. The Committee used its skills and expertise to stimulate engagement and dialogue to develop themes presented during their evidence gathering procedures.

**3. The Draft Final Report**

- 3.1 The draft final report on As Soon As Possible: Early Intervention and Locality Services in Sunderland is attached as an appendix to this report and presents members with the facts and evidence that have been gathered throughout the review process. As part of the review process evidence was obtained from a variety of national, regional and local key witnesses and stakeholders.
- 3.2 The report is divided into a number of sections which provide the background information to the review, how the review was carried out and the findings and conclusions from the review process. The findings from the review reflect the following as follows:
  - The beginnings and value of Early Intervention
  - The Policy Context and Local Perspective

- The Continuum of Needs and the Common Assessment Framework
- The Team Around the Child/Family
- Locality Based Services
- Funding Intervention
- Measuring Outcomes and Impacts.

3.3 Members are asked to read the report and comment on the content with particular reference to the recommendations arising from the evidence gathered and presented in the report. Members may wish to amend the report for purposes of accuracy, clarity or relevance to ensure the report is a true reflection of the work undertaken.

#### **4. Conclusion**

4.1 The Children, Young People and Learning Scrutiny Committee are presented with a final draft copy of the policy review document for comment and amendment with the aim of producing a final report for presentation and approval by Cabinet.

#### **5. Recommendation**

5.1 That the Children, Young People and Learning Scrutiny Committee provide comments on the final draft report and that any agreed amendments are made.

5.2 That consideration is given to the recommendations contained in the final draft report.

5.3 That the agreed final report is presented to the Cabinet for approval at its June 2012 meeting.

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