
INTERVENTIONS HUB

Purpose of the Report

1. This report provides Members with a brief overview of this issue. Members will receive a presentation at this meeting regarding the Interventions Hub.

Background

2. Children's Services have a number of intervention support services which assist families in their parenting by providing targeted support to reduce risk in order for families to remain together. These interventions also intend to ensure that parents are confident in managing the safety and needs of their children as well as increasing their confidence in their parenting. These services lie within a number of teams, i.e.:
 - Adolescent resource Centre (ARC)
 - Family Intervention Support Service (workers based in localities)
 - Rapid Response
 - Think Safe!
 - On Call Family Intervention Support Service (workers based in localities and on an out of hours rota)
3. The proposal is to bring together these teams that exist across the service into a coherent "Interventions Hub" in order to provide clarity of roles, reduce duplication, increase consistency of approach and ensure that young people and their families are receiving the right level of support at the right time.

Issues

4. The presentation will take Members through the details of the proposal.

Scope of Scrutiny

5. This briefing enables the Committee to be made aware of the of the proposal and provide Members with the opportunity to input their views into its development.

Way Forward

6. At the meeting Councillor Graham Hinchey (Cabinet Member for Children and Families); Sarah McGill (Corporate Director, People and Communities); Deborah Driffield (Director of Children's Services); and Suki Bahara-Garrens (Operational Manager, Wellbeing / Protection & Support) will be in attendance to make a presentation and answer any questions Members may wish to ask.
7. Members may wish to review the information presented at the meeting and determine whether there are any comments, concerns or recommendations which they would like to pass on to the Cabinet Member, Corporate Director and Director of Children's Services.

Legal Implications

8. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct legal implications. However, legal implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet will set out any legal implications arising from those recommendations. All decisions taken by or on behalf of the Council must (a) be within the legal powers of the Council; (b) comply with any procedural requirement imposed by law; (c) be within the powers of the body or person exercising powers on behalf of the Council; (d) be undertaken in accordance with the procedural requirements imposed by the Council e.g. Scrutiny Procedure Rules; (e) be fully and properly informed; (f) be properly motivated; (g) be taken

having regard to the Council's fiduciary duty to its taxpayers; and (h) be reasonable and proper in all the circumstances.

Financial Implications

9. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct financial implications at this stage in relation to any of the work programme. However, financial implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet will set out any financial implications arising from those recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is recommended to review the information provided at the meeting and provide any comments, concerns or recommendations to the Cabinet Member, Corporate Director and Director of Children's Services.

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