

Advisory Panel – People

Date of Meeting	27 October, 2008
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Title	Task Groups

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to share with Advisory Panel Members some proposals for the Terms of Reference and Officer support for the Task Groups agreed at their meeting on 23rd September, 2008.

2.0 Decision Required

- 2.1 Advisory Panel Members are recommended to:

- Agree the Terms of Reference for the Task Groups
- Agree the Officer support arrangements.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 At its meeting on 23rd September, 2008 the Advisory Panel decided to commission two Task Groups.

- 3.2 It was decided that those Groups should address:

- Transforming Learning Communities
- Social Care Redesign

4.0 Transforming Learning Communities (TLC)

- 4.1 It is proposed that the Terms of Reference of the Task Group should be:

- To review the conclusions and recommendations of the County Council Scrutiny Committee which examined the Transforming Learning Communities programme.
- To determine the relevance of those conclusions and recommendations to the operating context of Cheshire East Council.
- To decide which conclusions and recommendations should be commended to the Portfolio Holder for Children and Family Services and to the Cabinet, in the context of the development of Cheshire East's Children Plan.

- 4.2 There will be some delay before the availability of officer support can be clarified. Those leading the reviews within TLC programme are consultants, engaged by the Children's Services Department of the County Council. They are at present fully engaged upon the implementation of the current phase of the programme. If more time is wanted from them to support the Task and Finish Group, that will have to be purchased. Discussion will be initiated with the Schools Forum to see whether they would support the drawing down of Dedicated Schools Grant resources for that purpose.

5.0 Social Care Redesign

- 5.1 It is proposed that the Terms of Reference of the Task Group should be:
- To review the outcomes for service users, carers and the general public which were originally proposed when the Social Care Redesign project was initiated.
 - To evaluate those in the context of the Department of Health Circular of 17th January, 2008 on the subject of Transforming Social Care Services.
 - To consider the findings of the Experimentation work done so far to determine what they suggest in terms of outcomes and satisfaction measures.
 - In the light of those exercises, to frame recommendations towards a manageable set of measures and indicators which might be used to monitor and evaluate the differences being made to people from the implementation of Social Care Redesign.
- 5.2 Ceri Harrison, the Change Manager currently employed by the County Council's Community Services Department, will give initial officer support to the Task Group.