

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 12 March 2013
Report of: Interim Borough Solicitor
Subject/Title: Care Leavers Task and Finish Review

1.0 Report Summary

1.1 This report encloses the final report of the Children and Families Task and Finish Group which conducted a scrutiny review of Care Leavers.

2.0 Recommendations

- a) That the report of the Scrutiny Task and Finish Group be approved;
- b) That the recommendations of the Group be endorsed, and referred to the Cabinet for consideration and necessary action, and that Cabinet be invited initially to comment on the details of the recommendations.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

3.1 To progress the findings of the Scrutiny Review Task and Finish Group which reviewed arrangements with Cheshire East for Care Leavers.

4.0 Wards Affected

4.1 All

5.0 Local Ward Members

5.1 Not applicable.

6.0 Policy Implications including - Carbon reduction - Health

6.1 Not known at this stage.

7.0 Financial Implications

7.1 Not known at this stage.

8.0 Legal Implications

8.1 Not known at this stage.

9.0 Risk Management

9.1 There are no identifiable risks.

10.0 Background and Options

10.1 The former Children and Families Scrutiny Committee set up a Task/Finish Group to investigate how to improve the outcomes of some of the Borough's most vulnerable young with the following terms of reference:

- To examine the assessment, preparation and planning for leaving care
- To examine providing personal support for young people after leaving care (particularly in terms of housing)
- To examine the financial arrangements for care leavers
- To gain a comprehensive understanding of the current and historical outcomes for Cheshire East care leavers and the reasons underpinning these.

10.2 Membership

10.3 The Members of the Task and Finish Group were:

Councillor David Neilson (Chairman)
Councillor Brian Silvester
Councillor Dennis Mahon
Councillor Gill Merry
Councillor Derek Bebbington
Councillor Bill Livesley

11 Access to Information

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