

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Cabinet

Date of Meeting: 15 October 2013
Report of: Children and Families Policy Development Group
Subject/Title: Care Leavers: Response to Children and Families Task and Finish Group Report

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 This report encloses the final report of the Children and Families Policy Development Group which was invited to review the Children and Families Scrutiny Task and Finish Group's report on Care Leavers.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That:
- a) the report of the Policy Development Group be submitted to the Cabinet for consideration;
 - b) Cabinet be invited initially to comment on the details of the recommendations; and
 - c) The Director of Children's Services be asked to consider the next steps and advise on what work (if any) should now be undertaken by officers to develop the recommendations further.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 To progress the findings of the Scrutiny Review into 16 plus service for cared for children.

4.0 Wards Affected

- 4.1 All

5.0 Local Ward Members

- 5.1 Not applicable.

6.0 Policy Implications

- 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

10.1 In 2012, the Children and Families Scrutiny Task and Finish Group completed its review into the 16 plus service for cared for children, the aim of the review being to look at how to improve the outcomes of some of the Borough's most vulnerable young adults.

10.2 The Task and Finish Group was due to report back to Cabinet having completed its review but, at this time the Policy Development Groups (PDG's) were being established by Council. As a result, the Portfolio Holder for Children and Families invited the Children and Families PDG to consider the report.

10.3 The findings and recommendations of the Task and Finish Group and the findings and recommendations of the Policy Development Group are contained within the report.

11.0 Access to Information

11.1 The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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