

# **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

## **REPORT TO: CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

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

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### **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**

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

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