

MAJOR REVIEW – THE EFFECTIVENESS OF EARLY HELP TO PROMOTE POSITIVE OUTCOMES FOR FAMILIES – DRAFT FINAL REPORT

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REASON FOR ITEM

To enable the Committee to consider both the draft final report and the recommendations produced as a result of the major review entitled 'The Effectiveness of Early Help to Promote Positive Outcomes for Families.'

OPTIONS OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE

1. To consider the draft final report and ensure that it is reflective of the evidence gathered during the review.
2. To comment on the report and recommendations and make any suggestions for revision.
3. To consider and agree the draft final report for the review.

INFORMATION

1. The attached report has been drafted based upon the information provided at three formal witness sessions held at meetings of the Committee. In addition to these sessions, visits were undertaken to three Children's Centres in the Borough. This visit also included a meeting with staff from the Key Working Service and with three parents who had experience of using this service.
2. The Committee's attention is drawn to recommendation 2) e) which recommends that a progress report is brought to Committee later in 2016 and that, if considered appropriate, this could be followed by regular progress reports to the Committee.
3. It should be noted that the final report is scheduled to be presented to Cabinet on 18 February 2016. Given the short timescales, it is suggested that the Committee grants the Chairman authority to, in conjunction with officers, make appropriate revisions to the Report prior to submission to Cabinet.
4. Given this quick turnaround, the Chairman of the Committee and officers would be grateful for Members' comments and observations on the recommendations and the draft report. Comments can either be provided at the meeting itself or in writing prior to the meeting.

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