

Witness Session 5 - Partnership Working

Committee name	Children, Families and Education Select Committee
Officer reporting	Ryan Dell, Democratic Services
Papers with report	Updated Scoping Report
Ward	All

HEADLINES

At its meeting on 20 July 2022, it was proposed that the first review of the Children, Families and Education Select Committee focus on the topic of The Stronger Families Hub.

The Committee has, to date, had four witness sessions, outlined below:

Meeting Date	Action	Purpose / theme	Witnesses / officers attending
03 November 2022	Agree Scoping Report	Information and analysis	Democratic Services/Committee
06 December 2022	Witness Session 1	Setting the scene	Antony Madden, Head of First Response & Out of Hours
18 January 2023 – 10 am	Witness Session 2	The voice of parents	Meeting with parents
18 January 2023 – 5pm	Witness Session 3	The voice of young people	Meeting with young people
06 February 2023 - 1pm in CR 4	Witness Session 4	The voice of providers	Staff SFH triage officer Social worker Advanced Practitioner Team Manager

At its first witness session, on 06 December 2022, officers set the scene on the Stronger Families Hub. Further witness sessions took place on 18 January 2023 where some Members met with parents and young people that had used the service. Witness session 4 took place on 06 February 2023 with staff from the Stronger Families Hub.

Today's witness session 5 focuses on partnership working:

14 March 2023 –7pm	Witness Session 5	Partnership working	<p>Anthony Madden – Head of Service, First Response, MASH and Out of Hours Social Work</p> <p>Siobhan Appleton – Assistant Director for Safeguarding Adults, Safeguarding Children and Children Looked After</p> <p>Emma Kay - Named Nurse for Safeguarding Children (Hillingdon) / CNWL Interim Head of Safeguarding Children</p> <p>Sian Thomas – Head of Children’s Services</p>
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RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee comment on and note the updated scoping report.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The updated scoping report for the review is attached.

Implications on related Council policies

A role of the Select Committees is to make recommendations on service changes and improvements to the Cabinet, who are responsible for the Council’s policy and direction.

How this report benefits Hillingdon residents

Select Committees directly engage residents in shaping policy and recommendations from the Committees are presented to Cabinet to consider, and ultimately seek to improve the way the Council provides services to residents.

Financial Implications

It is important that the Committee considers cost effective proposals that benefit resident taxpayers in relation to this review, which would ultimately be determined by Cabinet as part of the Council’s broader budget planning process.

Legal Implications

None at this stage.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL.