

Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Supplementary agenda No. 3

A meeting of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be held on:

Date: 19 January 2016

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: Meeting Room 2 - Level 3, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham ME4 4TR

Items

- 11 Call in: Review of Early Years and Sure Start Children's Centre Services (Pages 3 - 4)**

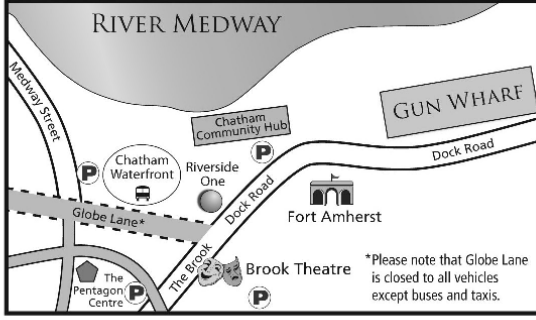
This addendum report was tabled at the meeting and informed the Committee of an additional call in of Cabinet decision 2/2016, which had been called in by a further six Members of the Council.

- 12 Call in: Future Integrated Youth Support Services Delivery (Pages 5 - 6)**

This addendum report was tabled at the meeting and informed the Committee of an additional call in of Cabinet decision 3-6/2016, which had been called in by a further six Members of the Council..

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CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

19 JANUARY 2016

CALL-IN: REVIEW OF EARLY YEARS AND SURE START CHILDREN CENTRE SERVICES - ADDENDUM REPORT

Report from: Barbara Peacock, Director of Children and Adults Services

Author: Teri Reynolds, Democratic Services Officer

Summary

This report advises the Committee of a further notice of call-in, signed by a further six Members of the Council, of Cabinet decision (2/2016) to commence consultation on reconfiguring services, including the proposal for significant changes to the management and staffing of Medway's 19 Sure Start Children's Centres, and a reorganisation of the authority's early years services. The Committee must consider the Cabinet decision and decide either to take no further action or to refer the decision back to Cabinet for reconsideration.

1. Budget and Policy Framework

1.1 In accordance with Chapter 4, part 5, paragraph 16.3 of the constitution with regard to decisions, Cabinet decision 2/2016 has been called-in to this Committee by a further six Members of the Council.

2. Background

2.1 The decision was called in by a further six Members of the Council with the following reasons for call-in provided:

"Further scrutiny on the decision to reconfigure services for very young children and their families and Cabinet approving the commencement of consultation on these proposals".

3. Director's comments

3.1 There is a commitment to all 19 Children's Centres remaining open. The universal entitlements to nursery education and childcare – for all children aged three and four years, and for some children aged two

years – will remain as a statutory function and will continue to be provided for all families in Medway.

- 3.2 Nurseries, pre-schools, schools and childminders in Medway will continue to be funded to provide free nursery education and childcare.

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Background papers

As set out in the Cabinet report at Annex A

Appendices

Annex A – Report to 12 January 2016 Cabinet meeting – Review of Early Years and Sure Start Children Centre Services



CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

19 JANUARY 2016

CALL-IN: FUTURE INTEGRATED YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICES DELIVERY - ADDENDUM REPORT

Report from: Barbara Peacock, Director of Children and Adults Services

Author: Teri Reynolds, Democratic Services Officer

Summary

This report advises the Committee of a further notice of call-in, signed by a further six Members of the Council, of the Cabinet decisions (3-6/2016) in relation to the commissioning of the three Medway young people's services, Youth Service, Youth Offending Service and YES IAG service and the related consultation. The Committee must consider the Cabinet decision and decide either to take no further action or to refer the decision back to Cabinet for reconsideration.

1. Budget and Policy Framework

1.1 In accordance with Chapter 4, part 5, paragraph 16.3 of the constitution with regard to decisions, Cabinet decision 2/2016 has been called-in to this Committee by a further six Members of the Council.

2. Background

2.1 Decision 3-6/2016 has been called in by a further six Members of the Council and the following reasons for call-in have been provided:

“Further scrutiny on the decision to commission out of the three Medway young people's services: Youth Service, Youth Offending Service and YES IAG

“In light of recent allegations towards G4S which have caused great public concern about the commissioning out of youth services it is felt that this decision is wholly inappropriate and should be subject to further and greater scrutiny”.

3. Director's comments

- 3.1 It is disappointing to see a link being made with G4S and the allegations in relation to the Medway Secure Training Centre. There is no link to be made. Many authorities have youth provision that are run successfully by external providers. In Medway we have examples of strong local providers delivering well for the children of Medway. As part of developing this work, discussions and visits to other places to see well run and effective youth services.

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