

## Cabinet Member Responses to Recommendations

Agenda item	Children and Young People's Services Scrutiny Committee recommendations (20 July 2021)	Response from Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Learning
<b>Early Help Service Redesign Proposals</b>	1. Raised various concerns on the Early Help Redesign proposals as set out in the minutes and conclusions, but recognises the need to drive forward the service's improvement journey and that the Early Help proposals are considered to be a key part of that ambition.	The Committee's comments and conclusions were reported to Cabinet for consideration when taking the decision on 27 July 2021.
	2. Highlighted a particular concern over the ability to identify and address the needs of vulnerable children and families and that the Cabinet Member must be assured that there are sufficient resources to work with schools, other partners and early years settings to identify these at an early stage for the aims of the service to be realised.	Central to the Early Help Redesign is a communication plan to ensure the best possible reach in communicating the offer and how to access it. The Redesign will also provide dedicated staff teams to work with partners, an improved partnership board and there is still a commitment to work with early years settings by the Education and Skills workforce.
	3. Requests that there is constant, clear and detailed monitoring of the impact of the new proposals, including the identification of vulnerable children and families, and effective access to services, so that any unintended adverse consequences can be identified and addressed at an early stage and that there is evidence-based assurance	The performance measures within the Council Plan will enable the service to track the ongoing progress against the outcomes, and these are reported through the Quarterly Performance and Resources Report. There are also Directorate plans in place for ongoing monitoring.

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	that the key outcomes of the service and its new model are being met.	
	4. Highlights the importance of a robust and wide-reaching communications and engagement plan as part of the implementation of the proposals so that residents and partners know how to access services. The Committee requests that the proposed content of the communications plan is considered by Cabinet on 27 July and that members are engaged with its development so as to gain necessary assurance for residents' ability to access the service.	Following the decision being approved, a Communication Plan has been developed to support the launch of the new offer, ensuring the widest possible reach to partners and members of the public. This will be circulated to the Committee separately.
	5. Requests that it receives a report to review the impact of the new model after 12 months of implementation, which includes feedback from service users and partners and evidence on how it is delivering improved outcomes for vulnerable children and families.	The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People is committed to reporting the first year of the implementation of the new model to CYPSSC in early 2023.
	6. Asks that the Cabinet Member for Finance and Property prioritises, as a matter of urgency, the work with partners and voluntary and	Early Help has developed a shared plan with the Council's Assets Team which schedules the handover of properties that are surplus to future Early Help Requirements. The service is also working closely with a number of partners to ensure they

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	community groups to explore opportunities to utilise centres, or to find other solutions, where early help propose to withdraw, recognising the concern raised by residents on the potential reduction in access to universal services provided by those partners and other groups. The Committee also asks that there is member engagement in any future review of the relevant County Council assets and that this is considered by the appropriate scrutiny committee at the right time.	are aware of the changes. The Assets Team is working with Health Services to understand their specific requirements to lease additional centres and minimise disruption to their service delivery. The vacation period has been extended at the request of a few partners, and some partners have also been made aware of the opportunities to deliver from the retained centres.
	7. Thanks the public for their input, suggestions and views into the consultation and welcome the engagement with young people to capture their views which have greatly helped the committee in its consideration of the proposals.	Noted.