

REVIEW:	Transition from Leaving Care to Adult Life	
Committee:	Adult Social Care and Strategic Housing and; Children's Services.	Chair: Councillor Lloyd – Hayes and; Councillor Ashton
Lead Support Officer:	Shaun McLurg, Head of Safeguarding and Assessment	

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Terms of Reference
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To review the Council's approach to transition issues for looked after children with support needs from childhood to adult life. • To investigate how improvements can be made to the transition process. • Following the review to advise the appropriate Cabinet Member(s) of the best policy to put in place to implement the improvements identified.

Desired outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Members of the Review to have considered the various elements involved in the transition process and how these interrelate with those services performed by the Council's partners. • To have considered possible areas of improvement to the transition process and make recommendations on improvement for consideration by the appropriate Cabinet Member(s) and the Council's partner organisations. • For any future service to be capable of implementation in collaboration with partner organisations.

Key questions

The questions set out in the IDeA publication 'Getting our House in Order – Better Results for Children and Young People' namely:

- Who is the community/service group?
- What is the outcome to be improved?
- How do we know we are making a difference? (criteria)
- What does the data tell us compared to benchmark/baseline/average?
- What further data is needed? (soft & hard)
- What is the story(ies) behind the baseline? – an analysis of what's happening.
- Who are the partners? (including those who need to be there and are not)
- What could work ? (4 best ideas: 2 x low cost/no cost; 1 x off the wall, 1 x £3 million if you had it)
- Are solutions deliverable and realistic/SMART?
- Action plan and resource.

Links to the Community Strategy

The Review Group will identify how the outcome of this review contributes to the objectives contained in the Herefordshire Community Strategy including the Council's Corporate Plan and other key plans or strategies.

Timetable

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Timescale</i>
Agree scoping statement with the two Scrutiny Committee Chairman including agreeing which Member of the appointed Review Group will be Chairman.	By 17 November 2006
Officers produce briefing pack designed to answer the key questions set out above and suggest expert witness list for approval by Review Group.	By 15 December 2006

Meeting of the Review Group to discuss information provided to them, identify any additional information required and Expert Witnesses.	2 - 12 January 2007
Meeting of the Review Group, Support Officers and all Expert Witnesses to explore information provided in more detail.	13 - 26 January 2007
Limited number of Members to interview Care Leavers and/or former Care Leavers.	27 January - 2 February 2007
Meeting of Review Group and Support Officers to prepare options/recommendations.	3 - 16 February 2007
Review Group to agree final report.	By 23 February 2007
Present final report to Scrutiny Committees.	March
Present options/recommendations to Cabinet.	TBC
Scrutiny Committees consider Cabinet response and action plan.	TBC

Members	Support Officers
Councillor Mrs P.A Andrews Councillor J Hope Councillor J.G Jarvis Councillor G Lucas Councillor Mrs Pemberton (Chair) Mrs D Strutt	Mr S. McLurg (Head of Safeguarding and Assessment) Mrs S Canham (Head of Adult Social Care) Mr R Gabb (Head of Strategic Housing)