

REVIEW OF THE CABINET'S RESPONSE TO THE JOINT SCRUTINY REVIEW OF THE TRANSITION FROM LEAVING CARE TO ADULT LIFE

Report By: Head of Safeguarding and Assessment

Wards Affected

County-wide

Purpose

1. To consider Cabinet's response to the recommendations arising from the Joint Scrutiny Review of the Transition from Leaving Care to Adult Life.

Background

2. On 24 July 2008, this Committee approved the report arising from the Scrutiny Review of the Transition from Leaving Care to Adult Life.
3. The report and resulting action plan (Appendix 1 and 2 respectively) were subsequently approved by Cabinet on 20 November 2008. Cabinet also requested that the action plan be brought back in a further six months to review progress.
4. A number of themes emerged from the discussion at Cabinet as follows:
 - The relative lack of recommendations relating to Adult Services
 - The need for a specific recommendation in relation to Pathway Plans
 - The need to explore strengthening recommendation 17 (children returning to the looked after system)
 - The need to further develop links with the Voluntary Sector
5. Following consultation with the Cabinet Member, Social Care Adults and Cabinet Member, Children's Services, it is therefore proposed to review the action plan in line with the above themes and, if appropriate, strengthen accordingly.
6. Any changes will be formally agreed as Cabinet Member decisions and highlighted when the action plan is presented back to Cabinet.

Recommendations

- THAT (a) Cabinet's response to the Joint Scrutiny Review of the Transition from Leaving Care to Adult Life be noted, subject to any comments which the Committee wishes to make;**
- (b) Scrutiny Committee endorses the proposed strengthening of the Action Plan as outlined above.**
- and**
- (c) a further report on progress with respect to the Action Plan be made after six months with consideration then being given to the need for any further reports.**

Background Papers

- Report for Cabinet on 20 November 2008 'Joint Scrutiny Review of the Transition from Leaving Care to Adult Life'.