

Title: Early Help in Herefordshire - Early Help Task and Finish Group Final Report

Meeting: Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

Meeting date: Wednesday 22 July 2026

Report by: Statutory Scrutiny Officer

Classification

Open

Report purpose

To provide the committee with the draft final report of its task and finish group looking at the provision of early help.

Background

1. On 22 July 2025, the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee agreed a [terms of reference](#) for a task and finish group to:
 - a. Recognise strengths in current Early Help provision.
 - b. Identify good practice across different communities.
 - c. Highlight gaps or inconsistencies in provision and the work in place to address them.
2. The task and finish group concluded its work earlier this year. Its report summarising its work, alongside recommendations to support the council and wider partnership's early help for children, young people and families, is appended to this report.

Meeting objectives

3. To agree the draft final report of the committee's early help task and finish group.
4. To recommend submission of the agreed report to Cabinet for consideration.

Report information

5. The final report is attached as Appendix 1.
6. The terms of reference that the committee based its work on is attached as Appendix 2.

Consultees

7. None

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Early Help Task and Finish Group draft final report

Appendix 2 – Early Help Task and Finish Group terms of reference

Background papers and resources

None identified.