

## **CHILDREN'S SERVICES SAFEGUARDING POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUP**

MEETING 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2016

Present – Councillors Gillies (Chairman), Cunliffe (Vice-Chairman), Dean, Mrs. Fairclough, Haworth (as deputy for Councillor Watters), Hornby, Mrs. Swarbrick and Mrs Thomas.

### Also in Attendance

Mr. J. Daly	- Acting Director of People
Ms. S. Gatenby	- Assistant Director of People
Mr. T. Birch	- Assistant Director of People
Ms. J. Robinson	- Strategic Lead for Early Years
Ms. A. Highland-Partington	- Team Manager (Transition Lead)
Mrs V. Ridge	- Democratic Services Manager

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Morris and Watters.

Councillor Gillies in the Chair

### **1. MINUTES**

The minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Policy Development Group held on 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

### **2. CHILDREN'S CENTRES AND EARLY YEARS REVIEW**

The Acting Director of People gave a presentation which outlined the proposals which formed part of the review of Children's Centres and Early Years.

Members were advised that the savings and efficiencies target for Children's Centres and Family Support Services was £1,250,000 from a total budget of £5,329,900. Furthermore, additional savings were also required from the Early Years Service and there was a need to respond to national and regional drivers to ensure integrated and evidence based services.

As part of the presentation, information was provided in relation to the following, viz:-

- The proposed Integrated Service Offer;
- The proposed Children's Centre Integrated Hubs;
- The options available for Children's Centre buildings;
- The current and proposed staffing arrangements within Children's Centres and Family Support;
- The current and proposed staffing arrangements within the Education and Learning Service;
- The consultation timetable;
- Savings and timescales; and
- The potential impact on other departments.

Following the presentation a discussion ensued and the following comments/observations were made:-

- The impact on children's outcomes;
- The impact on safeguarding;
- Questions in relation to the proposed options available for Children's Centre buildings; and
- Was there a contingency plan.

In terms of the next steps it was stated that a report would be submitted to Cabinet on 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 seeking approval to consult on the proposals.

It was agreed that the presentation be noted.

(The meeting started at 9.30 a.m. and finished at 10.10 a.m.)