

Topic Review 2012/13

SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Children and Young People Board should consider topics that they wish to review in the coming year at the beginning of each municipal year. The reviews may cover anything within their remit and could include internal as well as external facing services.
- 1.2 The Overview and Scrutiny Team can support 2 topic reviews per year.
- 1.3 The Children and Young People Board has been asked by Council Cabinet to take forward a motion from Council on the Family Intervention Project.
- 1.4 The Board needs to consider how this issue can be taken forward.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To consider a request from Council Cabinet to investigate the Family Intervention Project as the Board's first topic review for 2012-13.
- 2.2 Should the Board resolve that the request is appropriate, it is asked to resolve that the Topic Review begins with immediate effect.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To meet the request of Council Cabinet to carry out a topic review into the Family Intervention Project.
- 3.2 To enable the co-ordination officer to begin work on the Topic Review.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 On 25 January the Council resolved that:

The Derby Family Intervention Project was set up in November 2007, to work with the most vulnerable families, to bring stability into their lives, to prevent homelessness and to help improve opportunities for children and young people. This service has already seen cutbacks and continues to be

undermined, contrary to the recent repackaged proposals to ‘transform the lives of the country's most troubled families’ (DCLG, Dec 2011).

Council therefore calls upon the Cabinet to instigate a review, to examine what has worked well in this project and what gaps now need to be filled; highlighting opportunities for development, new funding streams, and the impact this work has on the community in which these families live, so that vulnerable groups and individuals are not put at risk.’

- 4.2 Council Cabinet considered the resolution at its meeting on 21 February 2012 and resolved to:
‘To request the Children and Young People Commission to undertake a review of the project.’
- 4.3 The Board is asked to consider if the request from Council Cabinet is appropriate in accordance with Rule OS17 in the Constitution.
- 4.4 Should the Board resolve that the request is appropriate, it is suggested that the Topic Review begins with immediate effect.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 None.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer Financial officer Human Resources officer Service Director(s) Other(s)	Phil O'Brien – Statutory Scrutiny Support Officer
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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 None arising directly from this report.

Legal

- 2.1 None arising directly from this report.

Personnel

- 3.1 None arising directly from this report.

Equalities Impact

- 4.1 Effective Scrutiny benefits all Derby people.

Health and Safety

- 5.1 None arising directly from this report.

Environmental Sustainability

- 6.1 None arising directly from this report.

Asset Management

- 7.1 None arising directly from this report.

Risk Management

- 8.1 None arising directly from this report.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 9.1 Our aim is to work together so that Derby and its people will enjoy a thriving

sustainable economy, good health and well-being and an active cultural life.