

By: Peter Sass: Head of Democratic Services
To: Cabinet Scrutiny Committee – 13 December 2011
Subject: Kent's Multi-Agency Looked After Children Strategy

Background

- (1) Members wish to examine the deliverability of the Looked After Children Strategy, in particular:
- (a) The reduction of numbers of Looked After Children (LAC) and how will this be achieved
 - (b) Placements of LAC by KCC outside of Kent and the circumstances surrounding these placements
 - (c) The movement towards Permanently Looked After Children (PLAC)
 - (d) In relation to the Reduction in Volumes referred to in the Children's Services Improvement Plan - Quarterly Update, the fact that there has been no reduction in LAC (despite a reduction in all other indicators)
 - (e) How the £19.8million to be spent on Children's Social Services in 2012/13 (as referred to in the Autumn Budget Statement) will be allocated

Guests

- (2) Mrs J Whittle, Cabinet Member Specialist Children's Services, Mr A Ireland, Director of Families and Social Care, Ms L Totman, Head of Corporate Parenting and Mr P Brightwell, Performance and Quality Assurance Manager (LAC) have been invited to attend the meeting from 10am to answer Members' questions on this item.

Options for the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee

- (3) The Cabinet Scrutiny Committee may:
- (a) make no comments
 - (b) express comments but not require reconsideration of the decision
 - (c) require implementation of the decision to be postponed pending reconsideration of the matter in the light of the Committee's comments by whoever took the decision or
 - (d) require implementation of the decision to be postponed pending consideration of the matter by the full Council.

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