

**CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND LEARNING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
5 OCTOBER 2011**

**WORKING GROUP UPDATE REPORT
Working Group Lead Members**

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the Working Group of the Panel which is undertaking a review of the Common Assessment Framework. The report also invites Councillor Mrs Birch to give an oral update in respect of the group which has been reviewing schools meals and will have an involvement in the procurement specification for the new school meals contract.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **That the Panel notes the progress achieved to date by the Panel's Working Groups reviewing the Common Assessment Framework and school meals.**

3 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Common Assessment Framework (CAF) Working Group

- 3.1 The Working Group on the CAF comprises councillors Mrs Birch (Lead Member), Mrs McCracken, Ms Hayes, Mrs Temperton; and Mrs Mitchell (representing the voluntary sector). The Group's overall purpose is to review the arrangements by the Council and its partners for the CAF, as a means of early intervention for the social care of children and young people. The Group has met twice, agreeing its scope and approach to the review, receiving a comprehensive briefing from officers, meeting key officers involved in the integrated care pathway, and commencing a series of meetings with external partners involved in the CAF process and early intervention. Further meetings are planned for October –November, and the Working Group aim to produce a report summarising their findings, with recommendations to the Executive, in December 2011.

School Meals Working Group

- 3.2 An independent group of Members has been reviewing the quality of meals in the Borough's schools. The group has visited and eaten at several secondary and primary schools to date and visits to further schools are proposed. Feedback has already been given on a number of areas and schools are already implementing a number of suggestions. As stated in the Panel's work programme, the review will enable Members to contribute views to inform the procurement specification for the new school meals contract.

Background Papers

None

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