

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	Early Years, Children and Youth Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel
MEETING DATE:	3 rd June 2013
TITLE:	Re-structuring of the Early Years, Children's Centre and Early Help (0 – 11 years) Services 2014 - 2016
WARD:	ALL
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Appendix 1 – Draft Proposal and Terms of Reference	

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 At Council on 19th February the Children's Service MTSRP was agreed subject to the PDSP considering the implications of the savings proposed within Early Years and Children's Centres and to review potential alternative options.
- 1.2 The attached Draft Proposal and Terms of Reference lay out a proposed means to carry out this piece of work (Appendix 1).

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Panel is asked to:

- 2.1 Consider and agree the Draft Proposal and Terms of Reference.
- 2.2 Establish a Task and Finish Group to carry out the detailed work as proposed.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 This process is to consider options for the delivery of £2,335k of savings from the Early Years and Children's Centres budget within the Children's Service over the 2014 – 15 and 2015 – 16 financial years. These savings form part of the Children's Services MTSRP 2013 – 16.

4 THE REPORT

- 4.1 As part of the MTSRP process the Children's Service has identified the Early Years and Children's Centres Service for significant reductions in spending. At the Council meeting on 19th February the MTSRP was accepted subject to further consideration of the proposed reductions in Early Years and Children's Centre Services. The attached draft proposal initiates this piece of scrutiny work as agreed by Council.

5 RISK MANAGEMENT

5.1 As the work is undertaken, appropriate risk assessments will be completed for the options developed by the PDSP Task and Finish Group.

6 EQUALITIES

6.1 An Equality Impact Assessment will be completed for the options developed by the PDSP Task and Finish Group. An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed for the overall Children's Service MTSRP 2013 – 16.

7 CONSULTATION

7.1 Section 151 Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer.

7.2 Consultation will form part of the work of the Task and Finish Group.

8 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION

8.1 Social Inclusion; Customer Focus; Sustainability; Human Resources; Property; Young People; Human Rights; Impact on Staff.

9 ADVICE SOUGHT

9.1 The Council's Monitoring Officer (Divisional Director – Legal and Democratic Services) and Section 151 Officer (Divisional Director – Finance) have had the opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication.

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Background papers	
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