

## **Agenda Motion for Council Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2010**

### **Every Disabled Child Matters - Cllr David Speirs to move the following on behalf of the Labour Group:**

This Council Notes:

- 1) That Every Disabled Child Matters (EDCM) is a campaign run by four leading organisations that work with disabled children and their families.<sup>1</sup>
- 2) That the campaign aims are to lobby both Westminster and Local Government to:
  - Give disabled children and their families new rights to the services and support they need to lead ordinary lives.
  - Invest in new resources to make sure these rights can become a reality. This will be achieved through funding to sustain, embed and build on Aiming High for Disabled Children.
  - Give disabled children and their families a new level of priority, and work with them to improve the services they receive.
- 3) That the campaign is asking Local Authorities and Primary Care Trust's (PCT's) to sign campaign charters. These charters include a set of commitments that local authorities and PCT's can choose to sign up to in order to demonstrate that disabled children are a priority.<sup>2</sup>
- 4) That ninety six local authorities have signed the EDCM Charter (as of 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010)

#### **This Council Believes:**

- 1) That supporting Disabled Children and their families is a priority for the Local Authority and should be a priority for the PCT.
- 2) That it should support the aims and objectives of the EDCM campaign

#### **This Council Resolves:**

- 1) To ask the Cabinet Member for Children's Services to sign the EDCM Local Authority Charter and to ensure that the commitments contained therein are fulfilled within one year.
- 2) To work with the PCT in order to setup a Joint Charter, based on the example of Leicester City Council and Primary Care Trust, with the aim of joining up the services that the local authority and PCT supply.
- 3) That as a result of this joint charter a joint action plan should be drawn up to implement the joint commitments.<sup>3</sup>

For more information on the EDCM Campaign please visit:  
<http://www.ncb.org.uk/edcm/home.aspx>

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<sup>1</sup> Contact a Family, The Council for Disabled Children, Mencap and the Special Educational Consortium.

<sup>2</sup> See Appendix One and Two

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.ncb.org.uk/edcm/charters/joint\\_charters.aspx](http://www.ncb.org.uk/edcm/charters/joint_charters.aspx)

