



To: Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Board (2)

Date: 8th December 2016

Subject: Improving and Redesigning City Council Children's Residential Care Provision

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To inform the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Board on the different options for the reconfiguration of the City Council Children's Residential Care Provision.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Board are recommended to:
- 1) Consider the options for the redesign as proposed in Appendix 1.
 - 2) Promote and encourage participation in the consultation to those who may be affected by any of the proposed changes.
 - 3) Identify any further comments or recommendations for the Cabinet Member.

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 Children's Internal Residential Care Redesign is one of eight projects which form part of the Children's Services Transformation Programme, and sets out to improve the quality of children's homes provided by the Council, whilst realising revenue benefits. It is planned that the redesign of the service will reduce spend on external residential provision by creating additional internal capacity by utilising the existing resource tied up in the current provision. The proposal is to provide homes with additional capacity, higher levels of occupancy and improved quality of care that represent better value for money.
- 3.2 The report, at Appendix 1, recommends a period of stakeholder consultation to explore options for the reconfiguration of the service by providing 4 smaller homes for children to replace the existing provision at Gravel Hill and The Grange children's homes. The proposal is based on an identified need to create a more coherent, modern and suitable model of provision for the future care of Coventry's children and young people who require a residential home while they are being looked after by the local authority.
- 3.3 Members of the Board are requested to consider the proposals contained in Appendix 1 as part of the stakeholder consultation.

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