

## **Cabinet – 14 December 2022**

### **Recommendations from Children’s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

<b>Portfolio:</b>	Councillor Elson – Children’s Services
<b>Related Portfolios:</b>	None
<b>Service:</b>	Children’s Services
<b>Wards:</b>	All
<b>Key decision:</b>	N/A
<b>Forward plan:</b>	N/A

#### **1. Aim**

To receive a recommendation from the Children’s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee made on 27 September 2022.

#### **2. Recommendations**

That Cabinet considers the recommendations of the Children’s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

#### **3. Report detail – know**

At its meeting of 27 September 2022 the Children’s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report on the Early Help Strategy.

It was highlighted that the early help service was non-statutory, however the success of the service had created positive outcomes for families and young people in the borough. It was confirmed that the number of families requiring support had been consistently growing, and as the cost of living continues to rise it is anticipated that the number of families (with finance as a presenting need) needing support will continue to increase.

The Committee agreed that the service should continue to be funded by the Local Authority. Members congratulated the Early Help Service for the successful service provided. Following the discussion the following recommendations were made:

#### **Resolved**

- 1. That the Children’s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee request that Cabinet continue to fund the Early Help Service.**

**2. That the direction of travel for the Early Help Partnership be supported.**

**3. That progress and achievements be noted.**

**4. Decide**

The recommendations are asking Cabinet to continue to fund the Early Help Service. Cabinet could choose to:

1. undertake the recommendations as set out;
2. reject them;
3. choose to receive a report in more depth at a future Cabinet meeting;

**5. Respond**

Following the decision of Cabinet the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be advised of the outcome.

**6. Review**

Subject to the decision of Cabinet further reports at Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings may be required.

**Background papers**

None

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