

Date of Meeting	Item	Members wished to make the following comments and conclusions:
<p>18-Jan-2018</p>	<p>Remodelling Children’s Residential Services Project</p>	<p>Members wished to make the following comments and conclusions:</p>
		<p>Members commended the report for its detail and focus.</p>
		<p>Recommendations</p>
		<p>1. The Committee recommend that the Authority look towards providing joint regional training with other Local Authorities and that consideration be given to looking within these LAs for experts to provide this. This joint training would not only assist in hopefully reducing the cost of training but would also help build relationships between staff, residential staff and foster carers regionally not just within our own LA.</p>
		<p>2. The Committee recommend that the Authority incorporate a clause within Foster Carer contracts where they are receiving specialist training, in order to maintain them in house and not potentially lose very qualified Foster Carers to IFAs.</p>
		<p>3. The Committee recommend that a proper evaluation of career development be considered for specialist foster carers to use as an incentive when recruiting.</p>
		<p>4. The Committee highlighted the budgetary assumptions that were being made in relation to future need for Residential care and the potential risk of still requiring Out of County placements. With this in mind the Committee recommend that evidence of contingency plans, both budgetary and staffing, be incorporated into the project and any future reports.</p>
		<p>The Committee requested that the item be followed up by Scrutiny in the future for monitoring purposes, incorporating evidence of outcomes.</p>
<p>Further comments</p>		
<p>The Committee requested that as part of the future Early Help and Social Services item, the report include detailed analysis of the causes and demands on Children’s Social Services. Members commented that if this is not known and understood then the Authority cannot effectively plan for the future and Members cannot be assured that changes that are being introduced are fit for purpose.</p>		
<p>The Committee requested that the outcome of the CSSIW investigation into Looked After Children be provided to Scrutiny for information when it becomes available.</p>		

Response/Comments	Follow up required
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