

Date of Meeting	Item	Members wished to make the following comments and conclusions:	Response/Comments
16-Apr-2018	Early Help and Children's Social Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Committee requested that they receive a briefing on the process for Children coming into care to help illustrate to Members how the process works from a referral being received to a decision being made and how ongoing support is established, as well as any associated costs. The Committee requested that this include information on what monitoring process is in place, how is risk regularly monitored, and what monitoring process is there where the pathway is to try and get the child back to their own family?</li> </ul>	Item to be added to the Pre Council Briefing schedule.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members also asked for a similar briefing in relation to Early Help, or to combine it with the Looked After Children one; detailing the process for referral; how the step down or step up process works and is monitored; how, if individuals need support from more than one service, such as IFSS and Baby in Mind at the same time, the services would work together to provide this; and who guides them through the services and their pathway, or takes a lead in their support to ensure they are receiving the services they need – would this be a social worker?</li> </ul>	Item to be added to the Pre Council Briefing schedule as a separate item or to be included with the topic above.
		<p>Additional Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Committee requested that future reports on LAC or Early Help etc include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More historical data so that Members can determine whether there has been progression, increase or decrease in numbers and performance;</li> <li>More clearer evidence of outcomes contained within the main report;</li> <li>A breakdown of the destination of LAC, ie. foster care, residential care etc, to give an indication of where the business pressures are;</li> <li>More background and information behind the data presented in graphs and tables;</li> <li>More examples of case studies to assist the committee in its understanding of processes, challenges and outcomes achieved.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Agreed</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Agreed</p>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members requested that they receive step-up data as well as the step down data between Early Help services and Children's Social Care.</li> </ul>	Attachment 1
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members asked to receive follow up information regarding the 51 children who were returned home as a result of the Connecting Families project.</li> </ul>	Attachment 2
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Committee wished to take up the offer to receive the full IPC Review report from the Directorate for information purposes.</li> </ul>	This will be shared with Members of the Committee
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Committee requested that they receive detail of the outcomes for the 23 parent and baby placements.</li> </ul>	Attachment 3
		<p>Further points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Committee expressed concerns regarding the freedom that schools have in the framework for teaching Personal and Social Education and preparing youngsters with Life Skills. Members requested that they explore a possible item on the forward work programme regarding Children and Young People and how they are taught Life Skills, involving such areas and projects as Personal and Social Education in schools, Flying Start and what work the third sector undertake on this subject. It was agreed that criteria forms would be sent to Members to further scope out the item.</li> </ul>	Information to follow
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Committee requested that a letter be drafted from the committee to Welsh Government highlighting their concerns over the growing National Issue of rising numbers of LAC as well as the uncertainty surrounding future funding for Early Help provision due to it being reliant on grants.</li> </ul>	To be drafted by the SOSC 1