

## **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PERFORMANCE BOARD 26 APRIL 2018**

### **DRAFT SCRUTINY REPORT: FUTURE PROVISION OF OVERNIGHT UNIT-BASED SHORT BREAKS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**

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#### **Summary**

1. The Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board (OSPB) is asked to consider and approve the attached draft scrutiny report of the Future Provision Of Overnight Unit-Based Short Breaks For Children With Disabilities Task Group.

#### **Background**

2. At its meeting on 14 December 2017, Cabinet considered a Report which sought agreement to the launch of a Consultation with families, professionals and other stakeholders on the future delivery of overnight unit-based short breaks in Worcestershire. Cabinet agreed:

- that the Consultation with families, professionals and wider stakeholders on the proposal to redesign the delivery of overnight unit-based provision proceed as outlined in the Report and
- that the final decision on the future provision of unit-based overnight provision be delegated to the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Children and Families, to be implemented by the Director of Children, Families and Communities.

3. In January 2018, the Council began a six week Consultation on the re-design of overnight unit-based short break provision for children with disabilities which closed on 19 February 2018.

4. Given the public concern about the proposals, the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board (OSPB) agreed at its meeting on 30 January 2018 that a Scrutiny Task Group led by Councillor Fran Oborski (Chairman of the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Panel) would be set up to help bring transparency and understanding to the process and enhance the range of information available at the time the Cabinet Member Decision was made.

#### **Terms of Reference**

5. The terms of reference were to scrutinise the proposals for change including the potential impact across all overnight unit-based short break provision for children with disabilities. Through carrying out this exercise Scrutiny may also comment on the Consultation process.

## OSPB's Role

6. One of the OSPB's roles is to monitor the quality of scrutinies that are carried out to ensure that scrutiny reports are robust and evidence based, and that they follow the terms of reference agreed by the OSPB.

7. To help with this, the Task Group's lead has provided the OSPB with regular verbal updates on the progress of the scrutiny.

## Next Steps

8. Once the Board is content, the Scrutiny Report will be considered as Cabinet Member Decision in June 2018.

## Purpose of the Meeting

9. The OSPB is now invited to consider, comment on and approve the attached Scrutiny Report.

## Supporting Information

Appendix 1- Draft Scrutiny Report: Future Provision of Overnight Unit-Based Short Breaks for Children with Disabilities (to follow)

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## Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Head of Legal and Democratic Services) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

- Agenda and minutes of the OSPB meetings on 30 January 2018
- [All agendas and minutes are available on the Council's website here.](#)