

Select Committee on Children's Services – 16 November 2006

Report of the Director of Children's Services

The Priorities Meeting

Purpose of Report

1. To bring to the attention of the Select Committee details of the Priorities Meeting held between representatives of the Directorate of Children's Services, partner agencies and representatives from GOWM, the Strategic Health Authority, the Commission for Social Care Inspectorate and the DfES.

Background

2. The Priorities Meeting is part of the cycle of review and evaluation for Children's Services. It is the main strategic level discussion between the DfES, Commission for Social Care Inspectorate, Government Office and the Local Authority area.
3. The Priorities Meeting is intended to look forward as part of the evaluation cycle, whilst another element of the cycle, the Annual Performance Assessment, looks back at what has been achieved in the previous 12 months.
4. The purpose of the Priorities Meeting is to consider local and national priorities for improving outcomes for children and young people in 2006/07.
5. Dudley's Priorities Meeting was held on 6 November and notes will be tabled at the meeting.

Finance

6. There are no financial implications from this report.

Law

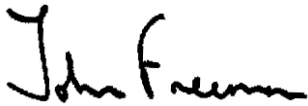
7. The Council may do anything which is incidental to conducive to or which facilitates the discharge of its functions (including those under the Children Act 2004) under section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Equality Impact

8. Delivery of the priorities reflects the Directorate's Equality and Diversity Policy and supports the achievement of the action plan.
9. Children and young people are at the heart of the priorities of the Directorate and they are being extensively involved in reviewing the Children and Young People's Strategic Plan and its implementation.

Recommendation

9. That the Select Committee notes the outcomes from the Priorities meeting.



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List of Background Papers