

Select Committee on Children's Services – 13 November 2008

Report of the Director of Children's Services

Leadership and management of the Directorate of Children's Services

Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of the report is to inform the Committee of changes to the leadership and management of the Directorate.

Background

2. As the Committee will know, I am leaving my post as Director of Children's Services on 31 December 2008 to take up a senior post with the Local Government Association.
3. The Appointments Committee of the Council has appointed Jane Porter to the Interim Director of Children's Services from 1 January 2009, pending a selection process for a permanent Director.
4. From 1 November 2008, Jane Porter has been working with me as Assistant Director 'without portfolio', so as to enable an orderly transition at the end of 2008.
5. Also from 1 November 2008, David Perrett has been appointed as Acting Assistant Director for Early Years, Youth and Education.
6. This appointment will continue until a permanent Director is appointed.

Finance

7. The costs for November and December 2008 will be met by grant from the Local Government Association.

Law

8. Every upper tier local authority is required to have a Director of Children's Services under the provisions of the 2004 Children's Act.

Equality Impact

9. The acting appointments have all been made in the context of the Council's equality policies.

Recommendation

10. It is recommended that the Committee note the report.



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