

Select Committee on Lifelong Learning – 7 September 2005

Report of the Director of Children's Services

Children's Services

Purpose of Report

1. To introduce a presentation by the Director of Children's Services.

Background

2. The Children Act 2004 introduced the statutory post of Director of Children's Services which subsumes the roles of Chief Education Officer and Social Services Director (as this latter role relates to children).
3. The Council appointed John Freeman as Director of Children's Services on 18 July 2005. John Freeman had previously been Director of Education and Lifelong Learning.
4. The presentation will set out the statutory framework for children's services and highlight the key changes for the Council.

Finance

5. There are no immediate financial implications.

Law

6. The presentation will be based on the Children Act 2004, Regulations and Orders made under the Act, and subsequent statutory guidance.

Equality Impact

7. The title of the Green Paper preceding the Children Act 2004, 'Every Child Matters', indicates that the thrust of the legislation is to ensure that no child fails to receive their entitlement to be safe, to be healthy,

to enjoy and achieve, to make a positive contribution, and to achieve economic well-being.

Recommendation

8. I recommend that the Committee consider and comment on the presentation.



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List of background papers