

Economic & City Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee

25 March 2014

Report of the Assistant Director, Governance & ICT

Further update on the implementation of recommendations arising from the previously completed Out of Hours Childcare Scrutiny Review

Summary

1. This report provides Members with a further update on the implementation of the recommendations arising from the previously completed Out of Hours Childcare Scrutiny Review which falls within the remit of the Economic & City Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Background

2. At a meeting of Economic and City Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 24 July 2012 Members considered a topic around '*women working in York: impact of lack of childcare or independent care*' which had been proposed at a scrutiny work planning event earlier in the year. The Committee agreed to move the focus to out of hours childcare and the impact that a lack of this type of childcare had on those working outside of standard hours.

Aim

3. The intention was to look at the Council's information about Out of Hours childcare provision so that parents were better able to access work outside of standard hours and to look at ways of improving the quality of information provided and the way that it was marketed.
4. A Task Group was set up to carry out the work on behalf of the Committee and they gathered evidence which led to the recommendations shown in Annex A. These were agreed by the full committee and approved by Cabinet in March 2013.

5. An update of the implementation of those recommendations was discussed by ECDOSC at a meeting in September 2013 when Officers advised that recommendation 7 - 'That the Family Information Service Manager organise a further event for employers around being family friendly as identified in option 3' – was the only recommendation that had not been implemented. The Chair asked for another update in six months before a potential sign off.

Consultation

6. The Family Information Service Manager has provided the update information contained within the Annex A.

Options

7. Members may decide to sign off any individual recommendations where implementation has been completed, and can:
 - a. request further updates and the attendance of the relevant officers at a future meeting to clarify any outstanding recommendations relating to the above reviews or;
 - b. agree to receive no further updates on the review

Council Plan

8. This is linked with the create jobs and grow the economy priority set out in the Council Plan 2011-15 which states 'all of the city's residents will enjoy the opportunity to achieve their potential within York's economy'.

Implications

9. There are no known Financial, Human Resources, Equalities, Legal, ITT or other implications associated with the recommendation made in this report.

Risk Management

10. In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy, there are no known risks associated with this report.

Recommendations

11. Members are asked to note the contents of this report and sign off the recommendations that have been fully implemented.

Reason: To raise awareness of those recommendations which are still to be fully implemented.

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Wards Affected:

All



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Background Papers: None

Annex

Annex A – Further update Information on Out of Hours Childcare Review