

56/06 - **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK:** The Executive Director, Corporate Policy and Improvement, submitted a written report in order to update Cabinet on the progress relating to the Council's work in response to the Children Act 2004 and the subsequent green paper 'Every Child Matters - Change for Children', and in particular its future approach and support for this work. The Council's Community Engagement work with young people, and its input to the emerging children's agenda and development of the Children and Young People's Plan, had been valuable in clarifying the views of young people and helping to shape the Council's approach and response to this key priority for both the government nationally and the Council locally. Appendix 2 to the report contained an Action Plan detailing how such work could now be taken forward. The Executive Director also took the opportunity to acquaint Cabinet on 'Living Here' - the young people's consultation event held in June 2006.

RESOLVED (UNANIMOUSLY):

That (1) the 'Living Here' report be noted and the Council staff and Connexions be thanked for putting on the event;

(2) the Action Plan at Appendix 2 to the report be approved in order to implement the recommendations from the 'Living Here' event;

(3) the proposed arrangements for the future support of this work be approved; and

(4) the report be submitted to the Community and Partners Overview and Scrutiny Commission for consideration.

Reason for making decision:

To ensure the Council fulfils its duties under the Children Act 2004, and effectively manages and co-ordinates its role in the development and delivery of children's services.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

None. It is a statutory requirement for Council to consider the implications of the national strategy.

(6.02 pm – 6.04 pm)

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