

Meeting: Children, Education and Skills Sub-Committee

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Title: Children's Readiness for School

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Service: Law and Governance

Wards affected: All

1. Purpose of Report

To introduce the report of the Children's Readiness for School Sub-group.

2. Recommendations

The Sub-committee is recommended to approve the report and refer to Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee for consideration.

3. Details

At its meeting in September 2019, the Children, Education and Skills Sub-Committee agreed to review the early intervention support available for parents in North Tyneside to enable children to be ready for school and identify if any improvements could be made to the support available to ensure the outcomes were improved for their children and families. At this meeting it was decided that a Sub-Group be established to carry out a review during the 2019/20 municipal year.

The following Members volunteered to serve on the group:

- Councillor Matthew Thirlaway (Chair)
- Councillor Pat Oliver (Vice-Chair)
- Rev Michael Vine

3.1 The Sub-Group felt that it was important to consult directly with schools and a questionnaire was circulated to all First and Primary Schools in North Tyneside. The Group met with officers in the Early Help Services Team and the Health Visiting and School Nurse Service to gather information on the role that the Council has in relation to Children's Readiness for School. The Sub-group also met with staff in Private Nurseries in North Tyneside. Further consultation was deferred due to Covid restrictions.

3.2 The Sub-Group wish to make six recommendations to Cabinet.

3.3 The Sub-Committee is recommended to approve the report and refer to Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee for consideration at its meeting on 18 January 2021.