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PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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PROPOSED FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Report by the Director for Children's Services

Introduction

1. At its 23 February meeting Cabinet will consider a report on the proposed future of Children, Education and Family Services including children's centres and early intervention services. The report and associated papers are attached for the attention of Performance Scrutiny Committee members.
2. The report sets out proposed changes to the work of Children, Education and Families Directorate in view of pressures and challenges in these service areas in both the short and long term.
3. The report includes the outcome of the recent consultation on the proposed new model for children's services in Oxfordshire and this will be considered first by the Committee. The report's proposals for the future shape of children's services are informed by analysis of that consultation outcome.
4. Performance Scrutiny Committee is asked to focus on the consultation response and the proposed new model for children's social care, bearing in mind the context on the overall sense of direction provided in the other papers. There will be a chance for the committee to consider the other papers but the focus of the meeting will be on the consultation feedback and proposed new model. Cabinet will be asked to make a decision based on a range of evidence including the views of Performance Scrutiny Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

5. **The Committee is RECOMMENDED to consider the proposed future work of Children, Education and Families Directorate, and to make any recommendations on those matters to Cabinet.**

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