

CABINET – 21 JUNE 2011

ITEM 4 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Question received from the following Member:

1. Councillor Jean Fooks to Cabinet Member for Children, Education & Families

“Given that community groups setting up new services for young people need to be able to make plans for taking over services by September 1st, yet the appointments to the new hubs will not be finished until August or even September, how can the County Council assist those communities to prepare for their new responsibilities in a timely manner?”

Answer

“The appointments for staff in the new hubs are progressing well and the majority of what's needed will be in place for September. We shall continue to work and engage with local community groups which wish to work alongside us in making provision for young people over the coming weeks so as to get as much in place for September as possible. The work will continue for as long as necessary after that to ensure that no opportunities are lost and the process of receiving and considering 'Big society' bids will of course continue over the coming months. Finally, it is worth mentioning that, in particular, the Youth, Engagement and Opportunities Manager has now been appointed, who will lead in supporting local communities in taking on their new role.”