CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2011

Outcomes summary 20 December 2010 15.00 – 17.00

Members of the public speaking to the Committee:

Councillor Lynda Atkins – Wallingford Youth centre

Summary of Committee discussion:

The proposals for savings to the Children and Young People's (CYP&F) budgets were grouped and considered under four main headings:

- 1. Management Review (including business and administrative functions)
- 2. Education (including School Improvement and national strategies)
- 3. Communities (redesign of the Early Intervention Service)
- 4. Social Care and Safeguarding

In addition the Committee considered proposals for the Music Service.

The Committee considered the savings proposals line by line and **agreed to** support in principle the proposals for CYP&F. They also supported the proposal for the Music Service.

In giving their support, members stated that they would wish to be briefed regularly on the roll out of the Early Intervention Centres. In particular members were assured that there would be outreach support provided from the centres.

Further, members would wish to be part of any review that would consider charging families for respite care for disabled children. Members expressed a hope that this could be avoided if possible.

Finally, the committee would wish to monitor closely proposals for changes to the funding of the Equality and Diversity Achievement Service (EDAS) and to be given an opportunity to scrutinise the business plan for Outdoor Centres at some time in spring 2011.

There was overall support for the proposals put forward – locality and partnership working were seen as key to the future provision of services covered by this committee's remit.

Outcome: Proposals supported