



CITY OF WESTMINSTER

MINUTES

CABINET SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING – 17 AUGUST 2012

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of a meeting of the **Cabinet** Sub-Committee held at 9.00am on Friday 17 August 2012 at Westminster City Hall, 64 Victoria Street, London, SW1E 6QP

Cabinet Members Present: Councillors Nickie Aiken, Melvyn Caplan and Tony Devenish

1. MEMBERSHIP

- 1.1 The membership of the Sub-Committee was noted. Councillor Melvyn Caplan was elected as Chairman.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 2.1 There were no declarations of interest.

3. TROUBLED FAMILIES PROGRAMME (see report of the Tri-Borough Director of Children's Services)

- 3.1 Natasha Bishopp outlined the purpose of the proposed programme. The recommendations were intended to allow the programme to commence and at present the intention was to only resource the programme to the level to which match funding was available.
- 3.2 At the request of Councillor Aiken Officers undertook to provide a briefing note on the possible sanctions available including other possible options short of formal sanctions.
- 3.3 Officers explained how the Government had arrived at the figures, as far as they were aware, across the tri-boroughs. They also explained how the initial pilot would operate.
- 3.4 The Sub-Committee asked, in supporting the proposals, that consideration be given to using different providers from both the voluntary and private sector. A report setting out the results of the trial including an update on the financial position to be submitted to a meeting of the Sub-Committee in January with a further report to full Cabinet at the end of the financial year, which would set out the options going forward.

3.5 RESOLVED:

1. That the delivery option set out in the report be approved;
2. That the Executive Director of Children's Services be given delegated authority to establish the Tri-Borough intelligence and monitoring desk.
3. The Executive Director of Children's Services be given delegated authority to develop the "wrap around" service package which will be primarily delivered by the Family Recovery Programme.
4. That a further report be submitted to the Cabinet Sub-Committee in January setting out progress to date;
5. That a further report be submitted to the Cabinet at the end of the financial year. The report to include options for the future including a voluntary or private sector provider.

Reasons for Decision

The Troubled Families Programme is an important new programme for the Tri-borough Local Authorities and will require considerable annual expenditure, to be authorised by the Cabinet, of the funding provided by the Department for Communities and Local Government. These decisions give approval to the first stage of the programme.

4. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting ended at 9.34am.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE