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| DECISION-MAKER: | CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SCRUTINY PANEL |
| SUBJECT: | EARLY HELP AND PREVENTION |
| DATE OF DECISION: | 21 JULY 2022 |
| REPORT OF: | INTEGRATED HEAD OF SERVICE - PREVENTION AND EARLY HELP |

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| STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY | |
| None. | |
| BRIEF SUMMARY | |
| Attached as Appendix 1 is the Early Help and Prevention Highlight Report for July 2022 that provides a brief overview of the Early Help and Prevention Service. The Panel are recommended to note the content of the report including key data, updates, and feedback within the service area. | |
| RECOMMENDATIONS: | |
| (i) | That the Panel notes the Highlight Report for Early Help and Prevention and scrutinises the content provided with the invited officers and Cabinet Member. |
| REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS | |
| 1. | To enable the Panel to scrutinise the Council’s update on the Early Help and Prevention Service. |
| ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED | |
| 2. | None. |
| DETAIL (Including consultation carried out) | |
| 3. | <p><u>Children and Families First:</u> Formally known as the Early Help team, the Children and Families First team consists of four teams delivering two key elements of early help which are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generic and targeted group work delivering evidence backed interventions • Case holding work – 12-16 week targeted interventions. |
| 4. | Early help is described as when a child, young person and/or family needs something extra. Early help is the initial response offered by all services in contact with children, young people and families. This builds an |

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| | understanding to address extra needs and prevent situations from getting more difficult for children and young people. The aim of Early Help is to build on people's strengths and resources to manage their own dilemmas, resolve their own difficulties and prevent further problems in the future. |
| 5. | Attached as Appendix 1 is a highlight report outlining key elements of the service and priorities moving forward. |
| 6. | The Panel are requested to note the highlight report and to scrutinise the information provided with the invited officers and Cabinet Member. |
| RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS | |
| <u>Capital/Revenue</u> | |
| 7. | None. |
| <u>Property/Other</u> | |
| 8. | None. |
| LEGAL IMPLICATIONS | |
| <u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u> | |
| 9. | The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Part 1A Section 9 of the Local Government Act 2000. |
| <u>Other Legal Implications:</u> | |
| 10. | None. |
| RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS | |
| 11. | None. |
| POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS | |
| 12. | None. |

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| KEY DECISION? | No |
| WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED: | None |
| <u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u> | |
| Appendices | |
| 1. | Early Help highlight report - July 22 |
| Documents In Members' Rooms | |
| 1. | None |
| Equality Impact Assessment | |
| Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out. | No |
| Data Protection Impact Assessment | |
| Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out. | No |
| Other Background Documents: Not applicable. | |

| Title of Background Paper(s) | Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable) |
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| None | |