



**Service Delivery
Committee**

**Tuesday, 20 March
2018**

**Matter for
Information and
Decision**

Title: Leicestershire County Council: 'Early Help' Services Review

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1. Introduction

Leicestershire County Council (LCC) is proposing to merge a range of 'early help' and prevention support services into one, new-style service. Full details are set out in the Appendix to this report. Consultation on these proposals ends on 22 April, and this report seeks guidance from the Committee to allow the Interim Director of Services to draft the Council's response, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee.

2. Recommendation(s)

That Members consider the proposals contained in the consultation document attached at the Appendix and provide guidance to allow the Interim Director of Services to draft a response to Leicestershire County Council in consultation with the Chair of the Committee.

3. Information

- 3.1. LCC is proposing to bring together four services: Children's Centres, Supporting Leicestershire Families (SLF), Youth Offending Service (YOS) and Information, Support and Assessment teams into a 'Family Wellbeing Service'.
- 3.2. The services tackle problems at an early stage and by preventing problems growing, help to reduce the need for the police or social care to get involved.
- 3.3. In summary, the new service would:
 - support vulnerable children aged 0-19 and their families;
 - run from 15 buildings across the County - a reduction of 25, including 24 children's centres and include support delivered in people's homes and other community venue;
 - reduce costs by £3.8m - this is made up £1.5m of council budget reductions and £2.3m from the council, partners and the Government, which might not be able to continue if Government funding for the Troubled Families Programme is ended.

Background Documents:

Appendix - The 'Early Help Services: Have your say on proposals for a new 0-19 Family Support Service' Consultation Document (also accessible at goo.gl/s1ng4A)

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Implications Leicestershire County Council: 'Early Help' Services Review	
Finance	There are no implications directly arising from this report.
Chris Raymakers (Head of Finance, Revenues and Benefits)	
Legal	The report is satisfactory.
David Gill (Head of Law & Governance / Monitoring Officer)	
Corporate Risk(s) (CR)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Corporate Risk(s) Identified
Martin Hone (Interim Director of Services)	
Corporate Priorities (CP)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
Martin Hone (Interim Director of Services)	
Vision & Values (V)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
Martin Hone (Interim Director of Services)	
Equalities & Equality Assessment(s) (EA)	There are no implications directly arising from this report.
Martin Hone (Interim Director of Services)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable (EA)