

MILTON KEYNES CHILDREN'S TRUST

LISTED ON THE FORWARD PLAN	YES
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1. Purpose

- 1.1 To provide members of the Children and Young People's Select Committee with an update on proposals to take forward the Milton Keynes Children's Trust.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The committee is asked to comment on the draft 'vision and principles' document and make any recommendations as appropriate so they can be taken into account when the Children's Trust Board meet on 22 March 2011 to consider this matter.

3. Background

- 3.1 Members received an update on the work to review the Children's Trust at the Children and Young People's Select Committee meeting held on 7 September 2010.
- 3.2 This work has been triggered by the removal of the requirement on some local partners, most notably schools, to participate in Children's Trust and the requirement to prepare and publish a joint Children and Young People's Plan and in the context of significant changes to the organisation and governance of the NHS and schools and the emergence of the shadow Milton Keynes Health and Wellbeing Board will be in place by 2012.
- 3.3 All local areas will need to review the appropriateness and sustainability of their current arrangements. We have brought forward this work in order to ensure that we maintain momentum and the support of partners.
- 3.4 Following a period of discussion and debate, the proposal is to reform the Children's Trust to create a Children and Families Partnership. The attached 'vision and principles' document contains details of how the new partnership would operate and what it would aim to achieve. Form has followed function; which is to secure the support of partners in the context of greatly reduced resources, changing relationships between organisations and new priorities for action.

- 3.6 The proposal does not include the development of a new plan. Partner organisations will all have business or service plans in place and a focus of the partnership will be to make the connections between them. Specific cross cutting priorities will be addressed through the establishment of commissions which will replace the current sub board structure. Two areas of focus for future commissions are emerging; child poverty and early intervention.

Background papers: Draft 'vision and principles' document - ANNEX A