

Child Poverty Strategy consultation report – Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

Following the consultation on the draft Child Poverty Strategy “Improving life chances and economic prosperity through raised aspirations”, feedback has been collated in anticipation of the acceptance of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee of its informal working group’s feedback.

In summary:

- there was general support for the document, its presentation and content. The following amendments were suggested:
 - inclusion of a glossary
 - the document needs to look less like an LCC only product
 - the definition of Child Poverty needs to include those on low income as well as those claiming out of work benefits
- there was overall agreement for a targeted strategy that incorporates:
 - Narrowing the Gap
 - An early Intervention approach
- there was general support for the key themes with the following comments:
 - emotional and psychological poverty should also be addressed
 - caution needed with aspirations, which need to be realistic and achievable
- there was agreement that the Child Poverty Strategy needs to link to other key strategies, e.g. JSNA, Early Intervention
- the importance of governance was stressed as a way of holding Partners to account
- it was suggested that conducting impact analyses relating to key changes, e.g. benefits, allocation of social housing, could be useful when setting priorities; this could form part of the on going needs assessment.