

FEEDBACK FROM TOPIC CHAMPIONS

To: **Children and Young People Committee**

Meeting Date: **16th September 2014**

From: **Democratic Services**

Electoral division(s): **All**

Forward Plan ref: **N/a** *Key decision:* **No**

Purpose: **To invite updates from Topic Champions**

Recommendation: **Members are invited to Note the updates from Topic Champions**

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1. TOPIC CHAMPIONS AND GROUPS

- 1.1 The meeting of the Committee held on 3rd June 2014 agreed to ask Children and Young People Spokes to discuss the possible role and remit of Topic Champions and to report back to this meeting.
- 1.2 Spokes identified five topics and have each agreed to lead on one of these, as set out below. Other Committee members have also been asked to express an interest in joining one of the groups. The aim is to identify small groups of members who could discuss relevant upcoming items with the Topic Champions and officers in advance of meetings, to help develop the Committee's shared knowledge. The approach is intended to be a-political. These appointments were agreed at the Committee meeting on 29th July.

Topic	Spokes lead	Other Committee members
1. Early years – provision of places and quality curriculum	Councillor Onasanya	Councillors Harty, Nethsingha and Wisson
2. Children's social care including safeguarding, provision for children taken into care (fostering and adoption) and provision for disabled children	Councillor D Brown	Councillors P Brown, Bywater and Nethsingha
3. Provision of school places for the 5-16 age range, including commissioning, admissions and maintaining	Councillor Divine	Councillors Leeke and Yeulett
4. Quality of education, including standards achieved (absolutely and relative to similar shire counties), support for maintained schools, governance, Special Educational Needs and schools funding	Councillor Downes	Councillors Kenney and Rouse
5. Early help – preventative agenda, children's centres, youth services, locality teams and cultural activities	Councillor van de Kerkhove	Councillor Bywater

- 1.3 The Topic Champions are invited to update the Committee.

Source Documents	Location
Report to Children & Young People Committee 29/07/14	Room 117