

Motion for Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee.

In view of the fact that this Scrutiny and Overview Committee is charged within the Council's Constitution with the task of Scrutinising Children's Services, and that this role appears to have been bypassed through the appointment of a Task Force acting outside the normal range of Council meetings and procedures, this committee urgently requests the following:

- A standing item of the regular minutes of the Children and Young People's Task Force on this agenda for the duration of its existence.
- A report which sets out the process that was followed in the selection and appointment of the Task Force members.
- A copy of any register or declaration of interests by Task Force members.
- Details of whether any vetting procedures were required as they have apparently been given access to Looked after Children, and, if so, whether or not those procedures were followed.
- A presentation from Officers that mirrors the presentation that was originally given to the Task Force which has informed the questions on this area within the consultation questionnaire.
- A detailed explanation from officers on the exact meaning and implication of each question concerning Children's Services in the questionnaire. *(For example, when questions talk about voluntary services stepping in to provide alternative services, are we talking about commissioning services from voluntary agencies, or just hoping they will fill a gap with no additional resources provided if we withdraw from providing services ourselves?)*
- Any potential costings that may have been drawn up as part of the options being considered