

Extract from minutes of Cabinet held on 28 May 2019

CAB10/05/19 Cabinet Response to the Collaborative Working Sub-Group Report from Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee (All Wards)

Cabinet considered a report seeking approval to the proposed responses to the recommendations of the Collaborative Working Sub-Group in relation to a review of the effectiveness of collaborative working in North Tyneside.

The report and recommendations had been presented to Cabinet at its meeting on 1 April 2019 (Previous Minute CAB112/04/19).

On 9 July 2018 the Children, Education and Skills Sub-Committee of Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee had agreed to establish a sub-group to review the collaborative working practices of the Authority to ensure they were improving outcomes for children and their families with a focus on the most vulnerable and in need.

The sub-group had considered it appropriate to examine the collaborative working practices of the Authority, including the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub, the Tyneside Alliance and the North of Tyne Collaboration and to consider proposals relating to the future of the North Tyneside Safeguarding Children Board.

The sub-group had met on a number of occasions to receive information from officers and had also met with representatives of partner agencies as well as social workers and front-line staff in Children's Services.

The sub-group had made eight recommendations and the proposed responses to those recommendations were set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

Cabinet considered the following decision options: to accept the recommendations set out in paragraph 1.2 of the report; or alternatively, to not accept the recommendations.

Resolved that the proposed responses to the recommendations from the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee sub group in relation to its study into the effectiveness of collaborative working in North Tyneside, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

(Reason for decision: to improve and further develop the effectiveness of collaborative working by the Authority.)