

Children and Young People's Policy and Scrutiny Panel

12th September 2014

Report of Councillor Lisa Pilgrim, Assistant Executive Member

(1) Invest to save

- Workshop on Social Impact Bonds requested at last meeting has been booked for the 17th September. Social Finance, who have been supporting us through the application process have been asked to attend.
- Feasibility study funding application to be sent by 29th August. We should know if we have been successful in securing the grant by the end of September.

(2) Adoption Social Impact Bond - IAAMs (It's all about me)

- Pleased with progress so far. We have been speaking to a Voluntary Adoption Agency about one sibling group. It looks positive and we are very hopeful! The other sibling groups are in the process of being referred to IAAMs.

(3) Sharing of services

- The Lead Member and I visited Bath and North East Somerset Council at the end of July. Again, this was very positive.

Part of the visit involved one of their children's centres which is run by a Social Enterprise. They are able to offer services such as 'theraplay' and have a teacher on site in the preschool.

- Adoption West Project- it has been agreed with the authorities involved that we will take forward a joint adoption service. This will take place from August 2014 through to March 2017. The outcomes of this will mean better value, more timely placements, more flexible approach and benefit our children and adopters.

(4) Foster carer recruitment

- Lead now in place.
- We have applied to be part of a Government sponsored project which provides support by the Fostering Network to assist us with our recruitment strategy.
- Updated strategy being put in place.

I am more than happy to expand on the above and answer questions at the meeting.

If Panel Members have any specific questions for which they would like answers for, please would they let the Assistant Executive Member by know e-mail beforehand.