



OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 20/09/2012

Subject Heading:

Troubled Families

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Policy context:

Children's Services

SUMMARY

In May 2011 Havering Council and partner agencies agreed to commit resources to the Top 100 Families programme. This arose from the recognition there was a need to improve co-ordination and delivery of services to a number of families in the borough whose complex needs were often not well addressed despite a high level of spending by a number of local agencies.

In October 2011, the Department of Communities and Local Government announced the national Troubled Families Programme, whereby Government funding would be available to local authorities based on the likely prevalence of families with specific characteristics. Troubled Families were defined as households who:

- Are involved in crime and anti-social behaviour
- Have children not in school
- Have an adult on out of work benefits
- Cause high costs to the public purse.

The presentation to Overview and Scrutiny will describe how the local and national projects were merged and report on the work that has taken place to date and future plans.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- To note progress to date in the Troubled Families programme and for committee members to recommend and advise officers on future plans

REPORT DETAIL

See attached presentation. Sarah Thomas the Troubled Families Co-ordinator will be at committee present the work to date and consult members about future direction.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

Legal implications and risks:

Human Resources implications and risks:

Equalities implications and risks:

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Presentation attached

Report from Louise Casey on Listening to Troubled Families