

Report to:	RESILIENT COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Del Curtis, Director of People
Date of Meeting	14 July 2016

THEMATIC DISCUSSION: EARLY HELP

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To allow the Committee to have a thematic discussion on Early Help.

2.0 Recommendations:

2.1 To discuss Early Help in Blackpool and identify any further issues for scrutiny.

3.0 Reasons for recommendations:

3.1 To ensure constructive and robust scrutiny of Early Help.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is 'Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience'.

5.0 Background Information

5.1 The Resilient Communities Scrutiny Committee identified Early Help as a key issue in Blackpool and requested the inclusion of a thematic discussion on Early Help in its workplan for 2016/2017.

5.2 Attached as an appendix to the report is a presentation that Amanda Hatton, Deputy Director of People (Early Help and Social Care) will give to the Committee to allow for a discussion on the topic.

5.3 Members are requested to participate in the discussion, asking questions where appropriate with a view to identifying any further areas for scrutiny.

Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

List of Appendices:

Appendix 10(a): Early Help Presentation.

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 The paper is for thematic discussion only.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 None.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 None.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 None.