

# PLACEMENTS

## Exploring a high cost area



Shortages of local placements and high areas of spend make this a common area of reflection for Local Authority scrutiny across the country.

The aim of this inquiry is to:

- Support Members in **understanding** this **complex area**
- Provide a **greater insight** into this service area, using a private workshop which is led by Senior officers
- **Add value** by supporting Members to **formulate strong lines of questioning** for future scrutiny committees and inform work programming.

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Formation of a joint task group made up of Children's Select Committee and Budget Scrutiny Committee Members (February)

*Suggestions include: Dev Dhillon, David Watson, David Martin, Steven Lambert, Katrina Wood, Isobel Darby (max: 10)*

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The task group will briefly explore some headline areas which they are keen to understand in greater depth. This will support the service to plan a meaningful workshop which maximises everybody's time (March)

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### Private insight workshop

Lead officers to deliver the co-designed workshop, which will support Members in understanding this complex area; examples of content could be legacy issues, remodelling, vision, the improvement journey, what 'good' looks like, the approach to commissioning and case studies (April / May)

*Lead officer: Tolia Vouyioukos, Jane Bowie, Richard Nash, Nathan Whitley and others (as advised by the service)*

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Democratic services will support a short debrief and reflection session, with the task group, to gain Member feedback and establish if any further clarification is needed

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Short, follow-up session with lead officers, if required, to pick up any outstanding issues, and to consider ways to support the service to generate a wider understanding from all Members. Potential induction material for Unitary