

Question one

The proposals being discussed today are over 600 pages in total and cover a vast range of provision. The council website was misleading to members of the public by indicating 2 submission dates namely Wednesday 5th at 5pm and Monday 10th 12 noon (as of 9am on September the 5th).

The agenda and proposal for significant cuts to services across the council was published just before 7pm on Monday 3rd September on the Council website, with questions to this committee needing to be submitted by a 5pm deadline on Wednesday 5th September. Does the scrutiny board accept that less than 48 hours is sufficient time for members of the public to be able to read and comment on the proposals being made today?

Question 2

Parent carers and young carers save the local authority a large sum of money by the services they provided. A survey currently being conducted by the forum shows that 84% of the respondents felt their wellbeing was being negatively impacted on by caring. The survey also indicated that parent carers do not feel they get the support they need early enough. By removing support for young carers and the early help services, there is a massive risk that we will push families into higher tier children's social care services, which is currently struggling to recruit staff at a level to manage the current demand. With over 7 million spent on Locum social workers last years does this committee feel the removal of these services will actually in the long run make any savings?

Question 3

Does the committee feel that the proposals are robust considering;

- The data used in some cases is over 2 years old
- impact assessments undertaken in many areas indicate either red and/or amber risks
- The impact assessments indicate high risks for our most vulnerable groups
- Impact assessments are based solely on data without discussing with services users to ascertain the real impact on them.
- Some of the impact assessment have not even been signed off? (ASC 01, 02, 03, CAF-10a, ASC 10, CAF 18, Corp 01, ECI 06)