

Meeting of the Select Committee on Good Health
16 November 2004

Breastfeeding Policy

Report of Scrutiny Officer - Good Health

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 In light of action taken by City of Birmingham, to discuss potential breastfeeding policy for Dudley MBC.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the meeting of the Select Committee on Good Health on 23 September 2004 the Chairman reported that a question about breastfeeding had been received through the Committee's website. The questioner wished to know what Dudley MBC's policy was in respect of supporting initiatives to encourage breastfeeding generally. The Committee was told that City of Birmingham had recently drawn up a breastfeeding policy for staff who wished to return to work and was in the process of implementing it. A copy of the policy has been obtained.

3. PROPOSAL

- 3.1 That the Select Committee discusses the policy drawn up by the City of Birmingham and considers the potential for a similar policy for Dudley MBC.

4. FINANCE

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications of this Report

5. LAW

- 5.1 The Council may do anything incidental to, conducive to or which is calculated to facilitate the discharge of the Council's functions under Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972.

6. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

- 6.1 The proposal in the report complies with the policy of the Council regarding equal opportunities.

7. RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 That the proposal set out in Section 3 be considered.

8. **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

8.1 City of Birmingham Breastfeeding Policy.

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