

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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WORK PROGRAMME

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Summary

This item advises members of the current work programme and allows the Committee to adjust it in the light of latest priorities, issues and circumstances. It gives members the opportunity to shape and direct the Committee's activities over the year.

1. Budget and Policy Framework

1.1 Under Chapter 4 – Rules, paragraph 22.1 (v) General terms of reference, each overview and scrutiny committee has the responsibility for setting its own work programme.

2. Background

2.1 Appendix 1 to this report sets out the proposed work programme for the Committee during the current municipal year.

3. Agenda planning meeting

3.1 Members will be aware that Overview and Scrutiny Committees hold agenda planning meetings on a regular basis. These give officers guidance on information that members wish them to provide when scrutinising an issue. An agenda planning meeting took place on 19 November 2014.

3.2 At the agenda planning meeting it was agreed that the item on the committee's work programme entitled, "provisional educational outcomes for looked after children and the role of the virtual school", would instead be included in the report "provisional test and examination results", featured earlier on this agenda.

3.3 At the agenda planning meeting Members also agreed that the items on the committee's work programme listed as dates to be determined, be added to the meeting scheduled to take place on 25 March 2015.

4. Cabinet Forward Plan

- 4.1 The latest Forward Plan of forthcoming Cabinet decisions was published on 17 November 2014
<http://democracy.medway.gov.uk/mgListPlanItems.aspx?PlanId=210&RP=115>
- 4.2 Set out below is a list of items featuring on the Forward Plan that fall within the terms of reference of the Children and Young People (CYP) Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Committee is asked to identify any items it wishes to consider before the Cabinet decision is taken (where dates permit), other than those already programmed in Appendix 1:

Title of Decision	Anticipated Cabinet Decision Date
(NEW) Framework for tackling obesity <i>Note: Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee</i>	02.12.14
Gateway 3 Contract Award: Danecourt Community Special School	02.12.14
Gateway 4 Procurement Project Completion Review: Family Group Conferences	02.12.14
Gateway 3 Contract Award: Supported Living Services for Adults and Accommodation Based Services for Young People	16.12.14
(NEW) Youth Justice Plan	16.12.14
Annual Public Health Report <i>Note: Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee</i>	13.01.15
Rivermead Special School: Outcome of Consultation	13.01.15
(NEW) School Improvement Strategy <i>Note: The draft school improvement strategy is appended to the provisional test and examination results report.</i>	13.01.15
(NEW) Sufficiency of School Places: Outcomes of options appraisals from 2014 review of School Organisation Plan	13.01.15
(NEW) Final funding formula for mainstream schools and academies 2015-16	10.02.15
(NEW) School Admission Arrangements September 2016	10.02.15
Scrutiny Review Task Group – Support for Care Leavers	10.02.15

5. Scrutiny review task group – support for care leavers

- 5.1 The Scrutiny Review Task Group is concluding its work and is pulling together recommendations. The aim is for the Task Group's findings to be reported to this committee on 14 January 2015 and for the final report and recommendations to be considered by the Cabinet on 10 February 2015.

6. Election of Parent Governor representatives

- 6.1 There are currently two voting member vacancies to represent parent governors on this Committee. The first vacancy occurred on 26 June 2013 and

the second vacancy was announced at the meeting of this Committee on 10 December 2013.

- 6.2 It was agreed at the meeting of this Committee on 3 June 2014 that the nomination and election process for the two vacant positions would recommence in September 2014 to coincide with school term dates, and that the process should be repeated in Spring 2015 if the vacancies are not filled.
- 6.3 The recruitment process coincided with the recruitment to school governor representative positions on other bodies such as the Schools Forum and Medway Governors Association (MGA). The processes were aligned to reduce duplication and to maximise interest in these vacancies.
- 6.4 Unfortunately no nominations were received by the deadline of Friday 31 October 2014. The recruitment process will therefore be repeated in six months time, in accordance with the Parent Governor Representatives (England) Regulations 2001.

7. Care Quality Commission Inspection Programme for Mental Health Services

- 7.1 A letter has been received from the Care Quality Commission listing forthcoming inspections of mental health trusts and independent mental health services taking place between November and March 2015. An inspection of the Sussex Partnership Foundation Trust (which provides Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services for Medway) will start on 1 January 2015 and an inspection of KMPT will start on 16 March 2015. Ahead of the Inspections the CQC is inviting Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees to share any feedback which is relevant about the quality of care provided by these organisations and any of the services they provide, including evidence of high quality care as well as any concerns identified. The Committee is asked to decide if it wishes to respond to this invitation in relation to Sussex Partnership Foundation Trust and if so, to delegate authority to submit a commentary, based on evidence available to the Committee over the last year or so, to the Assistant Director, Partnership Commissioning in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Opposition Spokespersons.
- 7.2 The Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee may also wish to comment on the mental health services provided by KMPT and will decide whether to do so at the meeting of that Committee on 11 December.

8. New Congenital Heart Disease Review Consultation – NHS England

- 8.1 NHS England is undertaking a national review of congenital heart services (CHD) for children and adults, as the body responsible for commissioning these specialised services. NHS England (Surrey and Sussex Area Team) has provided information about the review for the Health Scrutiny Committees and Health and Wellbeing Boards in Kent, Medway, Surrey and Sussex. The focus of the review is on achieving national standards for congenital heart disease services. The national consultation on draft standards and service specifications ran from 15 September 2014 until 8 December 2014, following which NHS England will analyse the responses and then consider what

changes to the standards and specification, if any, are needed before formally adopting them for use in commissioning CHD services.

- 8.2 As this national review now includes services for both children and adults this now falls within the remit of the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HASC OSC). The documentation received from NHS England was discussed at the agenda planning meeting for HASC OSC, where it was agreed the review should be welcomed. It was noted that NHS England was to be invited to provide an update on specialised commissioning including the review of CHD services in the New Year at the next regional meeting with Health Scrutiny Officers and Chairmen. In the meantime the detailed information provided by NHS England on the CHD review can be sent to any member of the two scrutiny committees on request.

9. Implications for Looked After Children

- 9.1 Scrutinising services and support for children who are looked after is a key aspect of the remit of this Committee. Members should ensure they focus attention on the Every Child Matters outcomes for children who are looked after as well as scrutinising every child matters outcomes for all children in Medway.

10. Financial and legal implications

- 10.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.
- 10.2 Under The Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 the Council has power to review and scrutinise any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of the health service in Medway. This Committee has the remit to review and scrutinise health services for children and must invite interested parties to comment on particular matters under review or scrutiny and take into account relevant available information and in particular, relevant information provided by Healthwatch Medway. The Committee may make reports and recommendations and reports to relevant NHS bodies or health service providers. These organisations are also under a statutory obligation to consult the Committee on any proposal for a substantial development or variation of children's health services in Medway.
- 10.3 The Parent Governor (England) Regulations 2001 provide for the arrangements relating to the election of voting parent governor representatives to education Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

11. Recommendations

- 11.1 The Committee are asked:
- (a) to agree the work programme as set out at the attached Appendix 1 of the report, subject to any changes made at the meeting and for the items listed as 'date to be determined' to be added to the meeting scheduled for 25 March 2015;

- (b) to note that no nominations for the two Parent Governor Representative vacancies were received and the recruitment process will therefore be repeated in six months time;
- (c) Members are asked if they wish to submit comments to the CQC ahead of inspections of the Sussex Partnership Foundation Trust and if so, to delegate authority to submit a commentary, based on evidence available to the Committee over the last year or so, to the Assistant Director, Partnership Commissioning in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Opposition Spokespersons.

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Background papers: None

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**Work Programme
Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Policy framework documents – Children and Young People’s Plan and Youth Justice Plan

Item	Work Type	Responsible officer	Objectives
9 December 2014			
Attendance of the Portfolio Holder for Educational Improvement	Holding to account		To hold the Portfolio Holder for Educational Improvement to account on performance against her portfolio
Proposed capital and revenue draft budgets 2015/16	Pre-decision scrutiny	Chief Finance Officer	To consider and scrutiny the proposed capital and revenue budgets for 2015/16
Expansion and Relocation of Rivermead Special School	Community Issues	Director of Children and Adult Services	Note: item is subject to Cabinet decision on 15 July 2014 To advise on the outcomes of consultation
Q2 Council Plan Performance Monitoring performance 2014/15	Performance Review	Director of Children and Adult Services	To scrutinise performance against the relevant targets for Council Plan monitoring 2014/15
Provisional test and examination results	Performance Review	Assistant Director School Effectiveness and Inclusion	To consider the provisional test and examination results for 2014. The draft School Improvement Strategy will also be attached for consideration.
Youth Justice Plan	Policy Development	Assistant Director School Effectiveness and Inclusion/Youth Offending Team Manager	To consider the revised Youth Justice Plan
14 January 2015			
Attendance of the Portfolio Holder for Adult Services	Holding to account		To hold the Portfolio Holder for Adult Services to account on performance against his portfolio in relation to the Independent Safeguarding and Review Services
Medway Safeguarding Children Board	Holding to Account	MSCB Independent Chair	To consider and scrutinise the activity of the MSCB and its Business Plan
School Admission Arrangements 2016	Pre-decision scrutiny	Student Services Manager	To scrutinise the proposed admission arrangements for 2016

Item	Work Type	Responsible officer	Objectives
School Nursing	Other	Director for Public Health	To provide the Committee with an update on the School Nursing Service, at their request.
Medway Action for Families	Service Review	Director of Children and Adult Services	To provide a progress report on Medway's Action for Families programme
Scrutiny Review Task Group – Support for Care Leavers	Policy Development	Assistant Director Children's Social Care/Democratic Services Officer	To consider the findings and recommendations of the Support for Care Leavers Task Group
25 March 2015			
Q3 Council Plan Performance Monitoring performance 2014/15	Performance Review	Director of Children and Adult Services	To scrutinise performance against the relevant targets for Council Plan monitoring 2014/15

Items for Future Meetings (Dates to be confirmed):

- CAMHS update (within 6-9 months from 15 July meeting)
- Early Help Service, including Common Assessment Frameworks
- Local Offer (Short Breaks Review)
- Medway Children's Action Network

Forthcoming meetings:

9 December 2014
14 January 2015
25 March 2015

CYP O&S Committee Work Completed in 2014/15:3 June 2014

- Outcome of consultation for the proposed prescribed alterations at Danecourt Special School
- Sure Start Children's Centres and Early Childhood outcomes 2013-14
- Safeguarding Peer Review

15 July 2014

- CAMHS
- Children's Social Care Complaints and Compliments Annual Report 2013/14
- Medway Safeguarding Children Board
- The local authority's approach to personal budgets and direct payments
- Q4 Council Plan Performance Monitoring performance 2013/14

18 September 2014

- Attendance of the Portfolio Holder Children's Services (lead member)
- Short Breaks Review
- Update on Private Fostering
- New Ofsted Single Framework
- Review of the School Organisation Plan (2011-2016)
- Council Plan Performance Monitoring 2014-201