

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

8 DECEMBER 2015

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 12 November 2015.

3.2 At the meeting it was agreed that the attendance of the Portfolio Holder for Children Services be deferred to the March 2016 meeting of the committee in order to enable the Portfolio Holder to also be held to account against the validated schools performance data which will be reported to the same meeting.

3.3 At the meeting it was agreed that the Annual Public Health Report would be added to the agenda for the January 2016 meeting of this committee.

3.4 In addition, it was reported that an item on the proposed delivery model for Children and Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing services in Medway

had been suggested for the March 2016 meeting of this committee. It was therefore suggested that the Medway Youth Parliament representatives be requested to produce their report on MYP's annual conference to the same meeting if this was possible. It was added that January may not be suitable because it may coincide with examinations.

- 3.5 It was also explained at the meeting that the report from Ofsted on their inspection into Children's Social Care Services will be published at the end of November. A report on the findings will be ready in time for the Cabinet meeting on 15 December and submitted for discussion by this Committee at its January 2016 meeting.

4. Cabinet Forward Plan

- 4.1 The latest Forward Plan of forthcoming Cabinet decisions was published on 16 November 2015.
<http://democracy.medway.gov.uk/mgListPlanItems.aspx?PlanId=238&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: |
|--|---|
| School Admission Arrangements 2017 <i>scheduled for this meeting</i> | 15 December 2015 |
| Ofsted report on Children's Social Care Services <i>scheduled for 19 January 2015</i> | 15 December 2015 |
| Gateway 3 Contract Award: Short Breaks Provision | 12 January 2015 |
| Report on Validated Key Stage 2 Performance <i>This will come as part of the full report on all validated performance of schools scheduled for 3 March 2015</i> | 12 January 2015 |
| Sure Start Children's Centres and Early Years Services | 12 January 2015 |
| Annual Public Health Report <i>scheduled for 19 January 2015</i> | 9 February 2015 |
| Final Funding Formula for Mainstream Schools and Academies 2016/17 | 9 February 2015 |
| Outcome of the consultation period for the expansion of Bligh Infant and Junior Schools | 9 February 2015 |
| Outcome of the statutory representation period for the expansion and relocation of Rivermead School | 9 February 2015 |

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| Gateway 4 Procurement Post Project Completion Review: Family Group Conferences | 8 March 2015 |
| Report on Schools Performance <i>scheduled for 3 March 2015</i> | 8 March 2015 |

4.3 At the September meeting of this committee it was agreed that the draft-budget report scheduled for the December meeting, include a section on the Funding Formula for Mainstream Schools and Academies 2016/17.

5. Update on selection of Task Group topics for 2016

5.1 Following discussion by each Overview and Scrutiny Committee over the Summer and an informal meeting in November to which all Overview and Scrutiny Chairmen, Vice Chairmen and Oppositions Spokes persons were invited, the Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been recommended to agree that the programme of Task Group topics for 2016 should be as follows:

- **Review two** (to follow the Task Group on Housing: demand, supply and affordability) to be lead by the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee:
 - **How far has Medway gone in developing a dementia friendly community?**
- **Review three** to be cross-cutting with membership drawn from the Children and Young People and Regeneration, Community and Culture Overview and Scrutiny Committees:
 - **Employment Opportunities for 18-21 year olds (including apprenticeships)**

6. Implications for Looked After Children

6.1 Members should ensure they focus on outcomes for looked after children. This includes considering their physical health; their emotional health; their safeguarding; their educational attainment and progress; their hopes and aspirations for their adult lives and how looked after young people have their voices heard. We know that looked after children can be more vulnerable to sexual exploitation so particular attention should be given to this. As a corporate parent you should be a champion for looked after children and have the same high expectations of them as you would for your child, grandchild or niece/ nephew.

7. Financial and legal implications

7.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

7.2 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.

- 7.3 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.

8. Recommendations

- 8.1 The Committee is asked to agree the work programme as set out at in Appendix 1 subject to:
- 8.1.1 The Portfolio Holder for Children's Services being moved to the 3 March 2016 meeting;
 - 8.1.2 The Annual Public Health Report being added to agenda for the 19 January 2016 meeting;
 - 8.1.3 An item on the proposed delivery model for Children and Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing services in Medway being added to the 3 March 2016 meeting;
 - 8.1.4 An item by the Medway Youth Parliament (MYP) representatives on the outcome of the MYP 2015 Annual Conference being added to the 3 March 2016 meeting (subject to their agreement);
 - 8.1.5 An item on the outcome of the Ofsted inspection into Children's Social Care Services being added to the 18 January 2016 meeting.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

Background papers:

None

Work Programme
Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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

| <i>Item</i> | <i>Work Type</i> | <i>Responsible officer</i> | <i>Objectives</i> |
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| 19 January 2016 | | | |
| In attendance – Portfolio Holder for Adult Services | Holding to account | Councillor Brake | To hold the Portfolio Holder for Adult Services to account on performance against his portfolio in relation to the Independent Safeguarding and Review Services |
| Support for Care Leavers Task Group – progress update | Policy Development | Assistant Director, Children’s Social Care | To receive an update on the progress made against the recommendations for the Support for Care Leavers Task Group report. |
| 3 March 2016 | | | |
| Council Plan Monitoring Q3 (2015/16) | Performance reviews | Director of Children and Adult Services | To scrutinise Q3 performance against council plan monitoring in relation to indicators that fall within the remit of this committee. |
| School Performance Annual report 2014-15 | Annual Report | Interim Assistant Director, School Effectiveness and Inclusion | To scrutinise the performance of schools in Medway, including attendance and exclusion data and 2015 test and examination results. |
| Integrated Family Support | Other | Assistant Director, Children’s Social Care | To scrutinise an update report on the services for integrated family support, including the early help offer. |
| In attendance – Portfolio Holder for Children’s Services | Holding to account | Councillor O’Brien | To hold the Portfolio Holder for Children’s Services to account on performance against his portfolio (<i>to be confirmed at pre-agenda to move this from December meeting</i>) |
| Medway Safeguarding Children Board – Action Plan | Holding to account | Independent Chair | To scrutinise the MSCB’s action plan |
| July 2016 | | | |
| Update on short breaks provision for children with disabilities and the local offer | Other | Assistant Director, Partnership Commissioning | To scrutinise a report updating the committee on the implementation of the re-commissioning of short breaks provision, last considered by the Committee in July 2015 |

| Item | Work Type | Responsible officer | Objectives |
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| Complaints and Compliments annual report – April 2015-March 2016 | Annual Report | Director of Children and Adult Services | To scrutinise the annual report of complaints and compliments in relation to children's social care for the period April 2015 – March 2016. |
| September 2016 | | | |
| Annual report of the Children's Social Care Service | Annual Report | Assistant Director, Children's Social Care | To scrutinise the annual report from the Children's Social Care Service. |
| Medway Safeguarding Children Board – Annual Report | Holding to account | Independent Chair, MSCB | To scrutinise the MSCB's Annual report |
| To be determined: | | | |
| Community Children's Nursing Service | Community Issues | Assistant Director, Partnership Commissioning | To scrutinise a report updating Members on the planned development of a Medway and Swale Children's Community Nursing Service. |
| Integrated Youth Support Service | Other | Interim Assistant Director, School Effectiveness and Inclusion | To scrutinise a report on the Integrated Youth Support Service. |
| School Improvement Strategy | | Interim Assistant Director, School Effectiveness and Inclusion | To scrutinise the revised School Improvement Strategy. |

Meetings in 2015/16:

8 December 2015, 19 January 2016 and 3 March 2016.

CYP O&S Committee Work Completed in 2015/16:**21 July 2015**

- Update on re-commissioning of short breaks provision for children with disabilities and the local offer
- Ofsted inspection of the Local Authority's arrangements for school improvement
- Update on progress in relation to the Children's Safeguarding Improvement Notice
- Recruitment, retention and workforce development in Children's Social Care
- Update on the Medway Children and Young People Emotional Wellbeing Strategy
- Complaints and Compliments annual report – April 2014-March 2015
- Council Plan Year End 2014/15 – performance monitoring report

22 September 2015

- Council Plan Quarter 1 2015/16 Performance Monitoring Report
- Annual report from Children's Social Care Service
- Integrated Family Support Service
- Member Item – Exclusions in Medway schools
- Interim report on unvalidated Key Stage 2 performance
- Youth Offending Team Strategic Plan 2014-16 Refresh