

# **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**19 JANUARY 2016**

## **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 16 December 2015.
- 3.2 At the meeting it was agreed that due to the number of items scheduled for the 3 March 2016 meeting, the item on Integrated Family Support Services be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee (May/June 2016). In addition, the Director of Children and Adult Services has suggested that the item scheduled for March relating to the Medway Safeguarding Children Board also be deferred to May/June to reduce further the weight of business scheduled for the March meeting .
- 3.3 It was also advised that the School Improvement Strategy, currently listed on the work programme as 'date to be determined', was likely to be presented to the committee for scrutiny in September 2016.

#### 4. Cabinet Forward Plan

- 4.1 The latest Forward Plan of forthcoming Cabinet decisions was published on 11 January 2016.  
<http://democracy.medway.gov.uk/mgListPlans.aspx?RPId=115&RD=0&bcr=1>
- 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:

<b>Title of Decision:</b>	<b>Anticipated Cabinet Decision Date:</b>
Annual Public Health Report of the Director of Public Health <i>scheduled for 19 January 2016</i>	9 February 2016
Final Funding Formula for Mainstream Schools and Academies 2016/2017 <i>Considered as part of the draft budget report on 8 December 2015</i>	9 February 2016
Gateway 1 Procurement Commencement: Transport Dynamic Purchasing System	9 February 2016
Outcome of the Consultation Period for the Expansion of Bligh Infant and Junior Schools <i>scheduled for 19 January 2016</i>	9 February 2016
Gateway 1 Procurement Commencement and Outcome of Consultation: Integrated Youth Support Services Delivery	8 March 2016
Gateway 4 Procurement Contract Review: Family Group Conferences	8 March 2016
Schools Performance Annual Report 2014/2015 <i>scheduled for 3 March 2016</i>	8 March 2016
Outcome of the Statutory Representation Period for the Expansion and Relocation of Rivermead School	5 April 2016
Proposed Delivery Model for Children and Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing Services in Medway	5 April 2016
Sure Start Children's Centres and Early Years Services - Outcome of Consultation	5 April 2016

#### 5. Implications for Looked After Children

- 5.1 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.

## **6. Financial and legal implications**

- 6.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.
- 6.2 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.
- 6.3 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.

## **7. Recommendations**

- 7.1 The Committee is asked to agree the work programme as set out at in Appendix 1 subject to the items scheduled for 3 March 2016 meeting on Integrated Family Support Services and Medway Safeguarding Children Board being deferred to the following meeting.

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### **Appendices:**

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

### **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

<b>Item</b>	<b>Work Type</b>	<b>Responsible officer</b>	<b>Objectives</b>
<b>19 January 2016</b>			
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.
Annual Public Health Report	Pre-decision scrutiny	Director of Public Health	To scrutinise the Annual Public Health Report.
Outcome of Ofsted inspection into Medway’s Children’s Services	Service reviews	Director of Children and Adult Services	To scrutinise the outcome of the Ofsted inspection report into children’s services.
Outcome of the consultation period for the expansion of Bligh Infant and Junior Schools	Pre-decision scrutiny	School Organisation and Capital Programme Manager	To scrutinise the outcome of the consultation period for the expansion of Bligh Infant and Junior Schools
<b>3 March 2016</b>			
Attendance of the Regional Schools Commissioner	Holding to account		To consider and scrutinise the performance of academies and how the Local Authority can work with academies and the Regional Schools Commissioner towards improvement.
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.
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.

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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. <b>(suggested deferment to May/June)</b>
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.
Proposed delivery model for Children and Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing Services in Medway	Community Issue	Assistant Director, Partnership Commissioning	To scrutinise a report on the local transformation plan for the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service and procuring the service.
Medway Safeguarding Children Board – Action Plan	Holding to account	Independent Chair	To scrutinise the MSCB's action plan <b>(suggested deferment to May/June)</b>
Outcome of the 2015 Medway Youth Parliament Annual Conference	Other	Medway Youth Parliament representatives	To consider a report on the outcome of the 2015 Medway Youth Parliament Annual Conference, which focussed on mental health.
<b>July 2016</b>			
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
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.
<b>September 2016</b>			
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

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<b>To be determined:</b>			
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. (likely to be September 2016)
Adoption Services		Assistant Director, Children's Social Care	To scrutinise a report on adoption services in Medway. (likely to be Autumn 2016)

Meetings in 2015/16: 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

#### **8 December 2015**

- Medway Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2014-15
- School Admission Arrangements 2017
- Council Plan Q2 2015/15 Performance Monitoring Report
- Draft Capital and Revenue Budgets 2016/17
- Sure Start Children's Centre and Early Childhood Outcomes 2015
- Committee Membership: Added and Co-opted Members