

# 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, Part 5 of the Constitution – Overview and Scrutiny Rules, paragraph 21.1 (xv) 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 3 May 2016.

#### 4. Cabinet Forward Plan

- 4.1 The latest Forward Plan of forthcoming Cabinet decisions was published on 9 May 2016.  
<http://democracy.medway.gov.uk/mgListPlanItems.aspx?PlanId=248&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:

<b>Title of Decision:</b>	<b>Anticipated Cabinet Decision Date:</b>
Medway 16-19 Strategy 2016/2020 <i>Scheduled for 26 May 2016 meeting</i>	7 June 2016
Review of Short Breaks Provision for Children with Disabilities <i>Scheduled for 26 May 2016 meeting</i>	7 June 2016
Sufficiency Report <i>Scheduled for 26 May 2016 meeting</i>	7 June 2016
Expansion of Cliffe Woods Primary Academy	12 July 2016
Gateway 3 Contract Award: Integrated Youth Support Services (IYSS) Delivery	9 August 2016

## 5. Headteacher and Teacher positions on the Committee

- 5.1 Expressions of interest in these positions were invited via the School Information Bulletin, in accordance with the new procedure agreed by Council on 21 January 2016.
- 5.2 The deadline for submissions was 6 May 2016 and although no expressions of interest were received for the teacher vacancy, an expression of interest was received for the Headteacher position from Tina Lovey, Headteacher at Rivermead School. Tina Lovey is also the Chief Executive Officer of the Rivermead Inclusive Trust and has experience in partnering schools to assist them in moving from 'requires improvement' to 'good'. She has completed the National Professional Qualification for Headship.
- 5.3 It is therefore requested to consider this expression of interest and recommend the appointment of Tina Lovey to the Headteacher position of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee for a two year term.

## 6. Parent Governor representatives

- 6.1 At the Committee's meeting on 8 December 2015, it was agreed that the Director of Children and Adult Services make representations to the Department for Education and Department for Communities and Local Government in relation to reviewing and updating the legislation regarding parent governor representatives. A response from the DfE has been received and in summary it states that "unfortunately we (the DfE) are unable to introduce regulations which will require the appointment of parent governors from academies or free schools". Therefore Democratic Services will continue to invite nominations to the Parent Governor representative vacancies from parent governors of maintained schools on a six monthly basis as required by the regulations.

## **7. Sussex Partnership Foundation Trust – Quality Account**

- 7.1 The Sussex Partnership Foundation Trust (SPT) have invited this committee for commentary on their draft Quality Report for 2015/16. Any commentary from the Committee should be based on evidence from overview and scrutiny work. In 2015/16 the committee's work on the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS), for which SPT is the current provider, has focused on future model development as opposed to the current provision of CAMHS by SPT. It is therefore recommended that overview and scrutiny do not provide a commentary for the 2015/16 Quality Report.
- 7.2 It is also recommended that a delegation be added to the Medway Constitution so that future requests for commentary can be, where appropriate, produced by the Chief Legal Officer, in consultation with the Director of Children and Adults and the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and spokespersons of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Timescales for the receipt of commentaries do not always coincide with overview and scrutiny committee meeting dates and a delegation would be in line with one which already exists for the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny in relation to its submissions on quality accounts from relevant provide trusts.

## **8. Implications for Looked After Children**

- 8.1 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.

## **9. Financial and legal implications**

- 9.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.
- 9.2 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.
- 9.3 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.

## **10. Recommendations**

10.1 The Committee is asked to: -

10.1.1 agree the work programme as set out at in Appendix 1.

10.1.2 recommend the appointment of Tina Lovey to the position for a non-voting Headteacher on this Committee to the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Group Whips, for a two year term.

10.1.3 agree that no commentary be submitted from the committee on the Sussex Partnership Foundation Trust's Quality Report 2015/16.

10.1.4 agree to delegate authority to the Chief Legal Officer in consultation with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and spokespersons of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Director of Children and Adults, to comment, if appropriate, on quality accounts submitted by provider trusts in future years.

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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

<b>Item</b>	<b>Work Type</b>	<b>Responsible officer</b>	<b>Objectives</b>
<b>May 2016</b>			
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.
Medway Safeguarding Children Board – Action Plan	Holding to account	Independent Chair	To scrutinise the MSCB’s action plan
16-19 Strategy	Pre-decision scrutiny	Interim Assistant Director, School Effectiveness and Inclusion	To scrutinise the draft 16-19 Strategy.
<b>August 2016</b>			
Short breaks provision for children with disabilities and the local offer	Pre-decision scrutiny	Assistant Director, Partnership Commissioning	To scrutinise a report on the re-commissioning of short breaks provision.
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.
Council Plan Monitoring Q4 2015-16	Performance Reviews	Director of Children and Adult Services	To scrutinise Q4/end of year performance against council plan monitoring in relation to indicators that fall within the remit of this committee.
<b>October 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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Council Plan Monitoring Q1 2016-17	Performance Reviews	Director of Children and Adult Services	To scrutinise Q1 performance against council plan monitoring in relation to indicators that fall within the remit of this committee.
<b>December 2016</b>			
Council Plan Monitoring Q2 2016-17	Performance Reviews	Director of Children and Adult Services	To scrutinise Q2 performance against council plan monitoring in relation to indicators that fall within the remit of this committee.
School Admission Arrangements 2018	Pre-decision Scrutiny	Assistant Director, Partnership Commissioning	To scrutinise the proposed admission arrangements for 2018 and forward recommendations to Cabinet for consideration.
Draft Capital and Revenue Budget 2017-18	Pre-decision scrutiny	Chief Finance Officer	To scrutinise the proposed draft Capital and Revenue Budgets for 2017-18, in relation to the services that fall within the remit of this Committee.
<b>March 2017</b>			
Annual report on School Performance 2016		Interim Assistant Director, School Effectiveness and Inclusion	To scrutinise the annual report of the performance of schools in Medway.
Council Plan Monitoring Q3 2016-17	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.
<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.
School Improvement Strategy		Interim Assistant Director, School Effectiveness and Inclusion	To scrutinise the revised School Improvement Strategy. <i>(likely to be September 2016)</i>
Adoption Services		Assistant Director, Children's Social Care	To scrutinise a report on adoption services in Medway. <i>(likely to be Autumn 2016)</i>
Proposed Development or Variation in Provision of Health Service – Child and Adolescent		Assistant Director, Partnership Commissioning	To consider an update on the consultation into the reconfiguration and recommissioning of the Medway CAMHS.

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Mental Health Services (CAMHS)			

**Proposed dates for meetings in 2016/17 (to be agreed at Annual Council):**

**2016: 26 May, 2 August, 6 October, 6 December,**

**2017: 19 January 2017, 9 March.**

**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

**19 January 2016**

- Call-in: Review of Early Years and Sure Start Children's Centre Services
- Call-in: Future Integrated Youth Service Delivery
- Attendance of the Portfolio Holder for Adult Services
- Annual Public Health Report of the Director of Public Health 2014/15
- Outcomes of consultation for the proposed prescribed alterations at Blight Infant and Junior Schools
- Support for Care Leavers Task Group: Progress Report
- Ofsted Inspection of Children's Social Care Services

**3 March 2016**

- Attendance of the Regional Schools Commissioner
- Attendance of the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services
- Medway Annual Schools' Performance Report for 2016

As agreed at Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 3 March 2016

- Proposed Development of the Health Service or Variation in Provision of Health Service – Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)
- Medway Youth Parliament – Annual Conference findings
- Council Paln Q3 2015/16 Performance Monitoring Report