

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

1 SEPTEMBER 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, 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 14 July 2016. At that meeting it was agreed to move the meeting of the committee from 2 August 2016 to accommodate additional items. The meeting was subsequently moved to 1 September 2016 and therefore a second pre-agenda meeting was held on 18 August 2016 to enable discussion relating to the additional item.
- 3.2 At the initial pre-agenda meeting it was agreed that, in relation to the annual review of the School Organisation Plan, as has been consistent practice in previous years, the Committee members would read the Cabinet report.
- 3.3 At the second pre-agenda meeting the Democratic Services Officer informed the Members of a report being presented to the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HASC OSC) relating to an all age Eating Disorder Service. She explained that it was being presented to the HASC

OSC because it related to children and adults and therefore the HASC OSC took the lead. However, all members of the committee were informed by email of this and were invited to attend the HASC OSC on 23 August 2016, if they wished.

4. Cabinet Forward Plan

- 4.1 The latest Forward Plan of forthcoming Cabinet decisions was published on 8 August 2016.
<https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/mgListPlanItems.aspx?PlanId=253&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:
2016 Annual Review of the School Organisation Plan <i>It has been agreed that the Committee members will read the Cabinet report for information on this occasion</i>	27 Sept 2016
Gateway 3 Contract Award: Integrated Youth Support Services	27 Sept 2016
Looked After Children Continuum of Care	27 Sept 2016
Medway Special Educational Needs and Inclusion Strategy <i>Scheduled for 1 September 2016</i>	27 Sept 2016
Provisional Funding Formula for Mainstream Schools and Academies	25 October 2016
Short Breaks Provision for Children with Disabilities and the Local Offer – Outcome of consultation <i>Scheduled for 6 October 2016</i>	25 October 2016
Young Persons Wellbeing Services in Medway – Outcome of consultation <i>Scheduled for 6 October 2016</i>	25 October 2016
Youth Justice Plan (Policy Framework) <i>This is to be scheduled for 6 October 2016</i>	25 October 2016
School Admission Arrangements 2018 <i>Scheduled for 6 December 2016</i>	20 December 2016
Sufficiency Report <i>This is to be scheduled for 6 December 2016</i>	20 December 2016

5. Teacher and Parent Governor representative vacancies on the Committee

- 5.1 Democratic Services will continue to run expressions of interest invitations for these positions. The next invitation will be sent out in September 2016 to coincide with the start of the new term.

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 Appendix 1, subject to adding the Youth Justice Plan to 6 October 2016 and the Sufficiency Report to 6 December 2016.

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Appendices:

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

Background papers:

None

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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>
October 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
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.
Young Persons Wellbeing Services in Medway	Community Issues	Assistant Director, Partnership Commissioning	To consider an update on the consultation into Young Persons Wellbeing Services in Medway (the reconfiguration and recommissioning of the Medway CAMHS).
Short breaks outcome of consultation	Pre-decision scrutiny	Assistant Director, Partnership Commissioning	To consider the outcome of the consultation on the proposals relating to short breaks
December 2016			
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.
January 2017			
Attendance of the 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

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			Independent Safeguarding and Review Services
March 2017			
Attendance of the 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.
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.
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.
School Improvement Strategy	Other	Interim Assistant Director, School Effectiveness and Inclusion	To scrutinise the revised School Improvement Strategy. <i>(likely to be September 2016)</i>
Adoption Services	Other	Assistant Director, Children's Social Care	To scrutinise a report on adoption services in Medway. <i>(likely to be Autumn 2016)</i>
Aut Even	Other	Deputy Director, Children and Adult Services	To consider a report regarding Aut Even (added to the work programme at the 26 May 2016 meeting)

Future meeting dates:**2016: 2 August, 6 October, 6 December,****2017: 19 January 2017, 9 March.****CYP O&S Committee Work Completed in 2016/17:****26 May 2016**

- Medway Safeguarding Children Board (MSCB) Update report
- Update on Integrated Family Support (and Early Help)
- Short Breaks Provision for Children with Disabilities and the Local Offer
- 16-19 Strategy 2016-2020
- Sufficiency Report 2016-17