

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

19 JANUARY 2017

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 22 December 2016.
- 3.2 At the meeting it was confirmed that Cabinet decisions relating to the future of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme in Medway and the future Integrated Youth Support Service delivery had been called in following the Cabinet meeting on 20 December 2016. It was confirmed that these call-in reports would be presented to the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 19 January 2017.
- 3.3 At the meeting it was also confirmed that a petition requesting the service delivery of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme to remain within the Council had been submitted. It was agreed that should the lead petitioner wish to refer the petition to the Committee, once they had received the response from officers, then they should be invited to attend the meeting on 19 January 2017.

- 3.4 At the meeting it was also recommended that the outcomes of consultation on the proposals for expanding Halling Primary School and St Mary's Island Church of England Primary School, not be considered as pre-decision scrutiny as they were not anticipated to be contentious.

4. Cabinet Forward Plan

- 4.1 The latest Forward Plan of forthcoming Cabinet decisions was published on 21 November 2016 and can be viewed using the following link:
<https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/mgListPlanItems.aspx?PlanId=261&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:
Final Funding Formula for Mainstream Schools and Academies 2017/18	17 January 2017
School Admission Arrangements <i>Considered on 6 December 2016</i>	17 January 2017
Capital and Revenue Budgets – 2017/18 <i>Considered on 6 December 2016</i>	7 February 2017
Short Breaks Provision for Children with Disabilities and the Local Offer – Outcome of consultation	7 February 2017
Youth Offending Team (YOT) Plan (Policy Framework) <i>Scheduled for 19 January 2017</i>	7 February 2017
Gateway 3 Contract Award: Medway Young Person's Wellbeing Service	4 April 2017
Outcome of Consultation for the expansion of Halling Primary School	4 April 2017
Outcome of Consultation for the expansion of St Mary's Island Church of England Primary School	4 April 2017

5. Teacher and Parent Governor representative vacancies on the Committee

- 5.1 Invitations for expressions of interest in the Parent Governor representative positions and the teacher position on the Committee will be sent out in January.

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.

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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

<i>Item</i>	<i>Work Type</i>	<i>Responsible officer</i>	<i>Objectives</i>
9 March 2017			
Attendance of the Portfolio Holder for Children’s Services (Lead Member)	Holding to account	Councillor Mackness	To hold the Portfolio Holder for Children’s Services (Lead Member) to account on performance against his portfolio.
Attendance of the Portfolio Holder for Educational Attainment and Improvement	Holding to account	Councillor Potter	To hold the Portfolio Holder for Educational Attainment and Improvement to account on performance against his portfolio
Annual report on School Performance 2016	Annual report	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.
May / June 2017			
Medway Safeguarding Children Board	Holding to account	Independent Chair, MSCB	To scrutinise the activity of the Medway Safeguarding Children Board (MSCB).
October 2017			
Medway Safeguarding Children Board	Holding to account	Independent Chair, MSCB	To scrutinise the activity of the Medway Safeguarding Children Board (MSCB).
December 2017			
Draft Capital and Revenue Budgets 2018/19	Pre-decision scrutiny	Chief Finance Officer	To scrutinise the draft capital and revenue budgets for 2018/19

To be determined:			
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)
Home to School (including Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) Transport Policy	Pre-decision scrutiny	Interim Assistant Director, School Effectiveness and Inclusion	To consider the outcome of consultation relating to the Home to Schools (including SEN and disabilities) Transport Policy (<i>Possibly March 2017</i>)
Female Genital Mutilation	Other	Interim Deputy Director, Children and Adult Services	To consider a report providing information on Female Genital Mutilation (added to the work programme at the 6 October 2016 meeting)

Future meeting dates:**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

1 September 2016

- Special Educational Needs and Inclusion Strategy 2016-2020
- Annual report of Children's Social Care Complaints and Compliments 2015-16
- Petitions
- Council Plan End of Year Quarter 4 2015-16 monitoring report.

6 October 2016

- Medway Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2015-16
- Development of a Regional Adoption Agency
- Annual Update on Children's Social Care Services
- Young Persons Wellbeing Service - Service Model and High Level Specification
- Short breaks Provision for Children with Disabilities and the Local Offer
- Council Plan Quarter 1 2016/17 Performance Monitoring Report

6 December 2016

- School Admission Arrangements 2018
- Draft Capital and Revenue Budget 2017/18
- Sufficiency Report 2016/17
- Re-commissioning of Medway Child Health Services
- Short Breaks Provision for Children with Disabilities and the Local Offer
- Council Plan Quarter 2 2016/17 Performance Monitoring Report.