

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

9 MARCH 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 21 February 2017.
- 3.2 At the meeting it was recommended that the re-commissioning of child health services should be scheduled for the June 2017 meeting.
- 3.3 Members were also informed that the Medway Youth Parliament (MYP) had finalised their report which details the outcome of the MYP Annual Conference. It is recommended that an item for the MYP representatives to present their report is added to the June meeting of the Committee

4. Cabinet Forward Plan

- 4.1 The latest Forward Plan of forthcoming Cabinet decisions was published on

6 February 2016 and can be viewed using the following link:
<https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/mgListPlanItems.aspx?PlanId=268&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:
Traded and Support Services – Children	7 March 2017
Gateway 1 Procurement Commencement: Independent Fostering Provider Framework	4 April 2017
Gateway 3 Contract Award: Medway Young Persons' Wellbeing Service	4 April 2017
Home to School Transport Policy for Mainstream Children and Children with SEN and Disabilities – outcome of consultation <i>Scheduled for 9 March 2017</i>	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
Short breaks provision for children with disabilities and the local offer – outcome of consultation <i>Scheduled for 9 March 2017</i>	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 were sent out in mid February. The closing date for both is 10 March 2017. The Committee will be updated on the outcome of this at the next meeting.

6. Next Scrutiny Task Group – Employment Opportunities for 18-21 Year Olds (including apprenticeships)

- 6.1 At the Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 3 December 2015 a list of scrutiny review topics were agreed, along with an order in which they should be completed. The last task group, "How far has Medway gone in becoming a dementia friendly community", is currently in the final stages as its findings and recommendations are reported to the relevant committees in March before being presented to Cabinet in May.

- 6.2 The next scrutiny review topic to be undertaken is employment opportunities for 18-21 year olds (including apprenticeships). This will be set up around May 2017, ahead of the next meeting of this Committee.
- 6.3 This topic is a cross-cutting topic which falls within the terms of reference of this committee and that of the Regeneration, Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee. It is therefore recommended that the membership of the task group be drawn from both committees and will be based on a political balance of 3:2. The allocation of members to the task group will be made in consultation with Group Whips, Chairmen and Opposition spokespersons of both committees.

7. Implications for Looked After Children

- 7.1 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.

8. Financial and legal implications

- 8.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.
- 8.2 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.
- 8.3 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.

9. Recommendations

- 9.1 The Committee is asked to agree the work programme as set out at Appendix 1, subject to adding the following to the June meeting:
- Re-commissioning of Child Health services
 - Medway youth parliament – outcome of the MYP Annual Conference 2016

9.2 The Committee is recommended to agree that the membership of the task group set up to carry out the next scrutiny review into employment opportunities for 18-21 year olds (including apprenticeships), is set up as follows:

- That the membership is drawn from members of both this committee and the Regeneration, Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee on a political ratio of 3:2.
- That the allocation of members to the task group is made via the Group Whips, Chairmen and Opposition spokespersons of both committees.

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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

Item	Work Type	Responsible officer	Objectives
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 budget for 2018/19 in relation to children and young people services.
Sufficiency Report	Pre-decision Scrutiny	Assistant Director, Partnership Commissioning	To scrutinise the draft sufficiency report.
To be determined:			
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 6 October 2016 meeting)
Update on the Integrated Youth Support Service	Other	Interim Deputy Director, Children and Adult Services	To consider a progress report on the remodelling of the Integrated Youth Support Services
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) <i>This is included within the short breaks item on the agenda and will be removed from the work programme.</i>

Provisional 2017/18 dates: 8 June 2017, 1 August 2017, 5 October 2017, 5 December 2017, 11 January 2018 and 8 March 2018.

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

- SEN and Inclusion Strategy 2016 – 2020
- Complaints and Compliments Annual Report (April 2015 – March 2016)
- Petitions
- Council Plan End of Year Quarter 4 2015/16 Performance 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.

19 January 2017

- Attendance of the Portfolio Holder for Adult Services
- CALL-IN: Future of Medway Duke of Edinburgh Award
- CALL-IN: Future Integrated Youth Support Services Delivery
- Youth Offending Team Strategic Plan 2016-17
- Update regarding Medway's Adoption Agency