

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

8 MARCH 2018

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 for the 2018/19 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 19 February 2018.
- 3.2 At the meeting it was agreed that both the annual report of the Children's Social Care Service and the update on the transfer of the Family Nurse Partnership (FNP) Service to the Health Visiting Service be deferred. It is recommended that the reports be presented to the Committee in June and July respectively.
- 3.3 It was also discussed and recommended that the biannual report on the Medway Safeguarding Children's Board (MSCB) be bought forward to 7 March

2019 (provisional date) so that the Committee's consideration of the report is timelier.

- 3.4 At the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 11 January 2018 the Chairman of the Committee undertook to give consideration to the Committee receiving a presentation on the Mind of My own (MoMo) app (minute no. 639 refers) and a further update on the NHS England Commissioned Childhood Immunisation Programme in Medway (minute no. 640 refers). It was recommended that these reports are added to the work programme with a date to be determined.
- 3.5 Following the agenda planning meeting officers from the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) advised that the report on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) would need approval from the Medway CCG Board prior to publication and the next meeting of this Board is 21 March 2018. In consequence, it is recommended that the report on FGM be added to the work programme for 5 June 2018 (provisional date).

4. Cabinet Forward Plan

- 4.1 The latest Forward Plan of forthcoming Cabinet decisions was published on 12 February 2018 and can be viewed using the following link:
<https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/mgListPlanItems.aspx?PlanId=302&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:
<p>Council Plan Performance Monitoring Report Quarter 3 2017/2018 This report will set out performance monitoring for the third quarter of 2017/2018.</p> <p>(On work programme for 8 March 2018)</p>	<p>6 March 2018</p>
<p>Offer for Care Leavers This report will provide details of a review of the existing services for young people who are leaving the care of the Council following changes in national policy and legislation, including the Children and Social Work Act 2017.</p> <p>(Update is scheduled for the June Committee meeting)</p>	<p>6 March 2018</p>

<p>Medway Commercial Group Ltd 2017/2018 Six Monthly Report This report will set out details of performance for the latest monitoring period for Medway Commercial Group Ltd.</p>	<p>10 April 2018</p>
<p>Prescribed Alterations at Luton Infant School This report will outline the proposal to increase the age range and add a satellite site to Luton Infant School following the prescribed statutory process and request Cabinet authority to commence the statutory representation period.</p>	<p>10 April 2018</p>
<p>Special Educational Needs Transport Budget and Proposed Home to School Transport Policy - Outcome of Consultation This report will provide details of the outcome of consultation on proposed changes to the Home to School Transport Policy, following Cabinet's approval to consult on 21 November 2017.</p> <p>(On work programme for 8 March 2018)</p>	<p>10 April 2018</p>
<p>Relocation of Children's Social Care from Broadside This report will look at the location of children's social care and provide options for suitable alternative provision if necessary as the lease at Broadside is due to expire in 2019.</p>	<p>15 May 2018</p>

5. Parent Governor representative vacancies on the Committee

- 5.1 Following the recommendation of this Committee (minute no. 646 refers), on 25 January 2018 Full Council agreed the appointment of Mr Akinola Edun and Mr David William Lane as Parent Governor Representatives on the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee for a four year term.
- 5.2 Under regulation 10 of the Parent Governor Representatives (England) Regulations 2001 a parent governor representative is entitled to vote on matters relating to any education functions which are the responsibility of Medway Council's executive and under consideration by the Committee.

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 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:
- 5 June 2018 (Provisional Date):
 - Annual Report on the Children's Social Care Service
 - Female Genital Mutilation
 - 31 July 2018 (Provisions Date):
 - Update on the transfer of the Family Nurse Partnership (FNP) Service to the Health Visiting Service
 - 7 March 2019 (Provisional Date):
 - Medway Safeguarding Children's Board
 - Date to be determined:
 - Presentation on the Mind of My own (MoMo) app
 - Update on the NHS England Commissioned Childhood Immunisation Programme in Medway

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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 – Youth Justice Plan

<i>Item</i>	<i>Work Type</i>	<i>Responsible officer</i>	<i>Objectives</i>
5 June 2018 (Provisional Date)			
Cookham Wood Young Offenders Institute - update	Information Item	Deputy Director, Children and Adults	To consider a report providing information on Cookham Wood Young Offenders Institute.
Medway Safeguarding Children Board	Holding to account	Independent Chair, MSCB	To scrutinise the activity of the Medway Safeguarding Children Board (MSCB).
Update on Supported Accommodation for Children in Care and Care Leavers	Information Item	Assistant Director, Commissioning, Business & Intelligence	To consider a report on the updated arrangements for supported accommodation for Children in Care and Care Leavers.
31 July 2018 (Provisional Date)			
Council Plan Monitoring 2017/18 Quarter 4	Council Performance & Budget Monitoring	Director, Children and Adult Services	To consider performance against the Council's key measures of success for the 4 th quarter of 2017/18 in so far as it relates to this Committee.
Six month update report on the recommendations from the Task Group on Employment Opportunities for 18-25 Year Olds (Including Apprenticeships)	Task Groups	Deputy Director, Children and Adults	To receive a 6 month update report on the recommendations of the Task Group (minute 645 of 11 January 2018 refers).
4 October 2018 (Provisional Date)			
Council Plan Monitoring 2018/19 Quarter 1	Council Performance and Budget Monitoring	Director, Children and Adult Services	To consider performance against the Council's key measures of success for the 1 st quarter of 2018/19 in so far as it relates to this Committee.
Medway Safeguarding Children Board	Holding to account	Independent Chair, MSCB	To scrutinise the activity of the Medway Safeguarding Children Board (MSCB).

4 December 2018 (Provisional Date)			
Council Plan Monitoring 2018/19 Quarter 2	Council Performance and Budget Monitoring	Director, Children and Adult Services	To consider performance against the Council's key measures of success for the 2nd quarter of 2018/19 in so far as it relates to this Committee.
Draft Capital and Revenue Budget	Council Performance and Budget Monitoring	Chief Finance Officer	To consider the Council's draft capital and revenue budgets for 2019/20.
School Admission Arrangements 2020	Pre-decision Scrutiny	Assistant Director, Commissioning, Business & Intelligence	To scrutinise the proposed admission arrangements for 2019 and forward recommendations to Cabinet for consideration.
10 January 2019 (Provisional Date)			
7 March 2019 (Provisional Date)			
Annual Report on School Performance 2018	Performance Reviews	Director, Children and Adults Services	To scrutinise the annual report of the performance of schools in Medway.
Council Plan Monitoring 2018/19 Quarter 3	Council Performance and Budget Monitoring	Director, Children and Adult Services	To consider performance against the Council's key measures of success for the 3rd quarter of 2018/19 in so far as it relates to this Committee.
To be determined:			
Medway Test Procedure Review	Information Item	Assistant Director, Commissioning, Business & Intelligence	To consider the outcome of an internal review of the Medway Test procedures.
Sure Start Children's Centre Arrangements	Information Item	Director, Children and Adults Services	To consider a report providing an update on Sure Start Children's Centre Arrangements following implementation of approved service reconfiguration.
Tackling Racism in Medway	Other	Director, Children and Adults Services	Report following findings of the Medway Youth Parliament Conference 2017 and update report submitted to the Committee on 5 October 2015.
Update on the Integrated Youth Support Service	Other	Deputy Director, Children and Adults	To consider a progress report on the remodelling of the Integrated Youth Support Services.

Youth Mentors in the Fostering Service	Information Item	Deputy Director, Children and Adults	To consider a presentation by Youth Mentors on the work they are undertaking in relation to the Fostering Service.
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Provisional 2018/19 dates: 5 June 2018, 31 July 2018, 4 October 2018, 4 December 2018, 10 January 2019 and 7 March 2019.

CYP O&S Committee Work Completed in 2017/18:

5 October 2017

- Medway Safeguarding Children Board
- Council Plan Monitoring – Q1 2017/18 Performance Report
- Aut Even – Ofsted Inspection
- Regional Adoption Agency (TBC)
- Tackling racism in Medway
- Maternity Services Transformation
- Immunisation Services update

5 December 2017

- Annual Fostering Report
- Assistive Reproductive Technology
- Aut Even – Ofsted Inspection
- Council Plan Monitoring – Q2 2017/18 Performance Report
- Draft Capital and Revenue Budgets 2018/19
- Member’s Item and petition on the closure of All Saints Nursery
- Overnight Short Breaks
- Petition on the Closure of Kingfisher Sure Start Centre
- School Admissions Arrangements 2019
- Sufficiency Report

11 January 2018

- Annual Adoption Report 2016/17
- Assistive Reproductive Technologies
- Attendance of the Portfolio Holder for Adult Services
- Immunisation Services update
- Maternity Services Transformation
- Medway Youth Council (MYC) Annual Conference Findings
- Report from the Task Group on Employment Opportunities for Young People in Medway
- Member’s Item - Young Refugees and Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children