

# CHILDREN AND ADULTS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

25 MARCH 2010

## WORK PROGRAMME

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### Summary

This item advises Members of the current work programme and allows them 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 – Rules, paragraph 22.1 (v) 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 existing work programme for the Committee.

#### 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 greater guidance on information that Members wish them to provide when scrutinising an issue. An agenda planning meeting took place on Wednesday 3 March 2010.

#### 4. Cabinet Forward Plan

4.1 The following items have been added to the Forward Plan:

Statutory period notice objection: outcome of the  
consultation on the proposals to amalgamate  
various schools

30 Mar 2010

This report will, if necessary, consider any objections received during the statutory notice period for the following schools: Barnsole Infant and Junior Schools, Lordswood Infant and Junior Schools, Oaklands Infant and Junior Schools and Thames View Infant and Junior Schools.

Bishop of Rochester Academy Outline Business Case

20 Apr 2010

To present the outline business case for the Bishop of Rochester Academy for Cabinet approval and onward submission to Partnerships for Schools to secure funding.

Brompton Academy Outline Business Case

8 Jun 2010

To consider the Brompton Academy Outline Business Case.

## **5. Health Scrutiny**

- 5.1 To keep Members of this Committee informed about key activities relating to the scrutiny of children's health this section provides an update of recent or forthcoming activity for both this Committee and the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC).
- 5.2 The Committee are reminded that the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be holding a themed meeting on 23 March 2010 to consider the support for carers in relation to progress with the Medway Carers' Strategy. This will be predominantly adult carers, however the committee will be discussing the issue with Medway Youth Parliament and will be sharing their recommendations with Medway's Children's Trust.
- 5.3 The Committee are also advised that there will be a Member briefing for all Members of the Council from NHS Medway on their Strategic Commissioning Plan, Operating Plan and transforming community services and how Medway Community Healthcare will operate in the future. This will take place on 8 April 2010 at 6pm in Meeting Room 9, Gun Wharf.

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

- 6.1 Scrutinising services for looked after children (LAC) is a key aspect of the remit of this Committee. Members should ensure they focus attention on the every child matters outcomes for LAC as well as scrutinising every child matters outcomes for all children in Medway.

## **7. Financial and legal implications**

- 7.1 There are no financial or legal implications arising from this report.

## **8. Recommendations**

- 8.1 That, subject to changes made at the meeting, the work programme be agreed as set out at the attached Appendix.

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### **Background papers**

None

**Work Programme**  
**Children and Adults 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>Timescale</b>	<b>Every Child Matters outcome</b>
Council Plan Monitoring (CPM) – 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter	Performance monitoring	Abi Cooper, Research and Review Manager	To scrutinise the performance against targets in the Council Plan, for the third quarter.	25 March 2010	All
Foster Care Capacity Planning Audit	Service Information	Richard Humphrey, Audit Services Manager /Helen Gulvin, Assistant Director of Children's Care	To consider progress of implementations of recommendations.	25 March 2010	Stay safe
Implications of Council decisions on school budgets	Service Information	Simon Trotter/Richard Unsworth	To consider implications of Council decisions on school budgets and governing bodies	25 March 2010	Enjoy and Achieve
Home Education	Service information	Juliet Seviar/ Jane Marriott	To consider a report which provides information on home education within Medway.	25 March 2010	Achieve economic well-being
LAA performance monitoring	Performance monitoring	Yvonne Wilson, LSP Manager	To consider an update report on LAA performance.	25 March 2010	All
Teenage conception	Policy development	Jinny Robinson	Report back on more recent data.	25 March 2010	Being healthy

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Child Development Centre	NHS scrutiny	NHS Medway	Progress on the outcome of consultation and future delivery of service.	To be agreed	Being healthy
Healthy Eating Task Group	Scrutiny	Juliet Sevoir/ Zoe Barkham	To receive a report from the Healthy Eating Task Group	To be determined	Be healthy
Medway's Child's Health Strategy	Service information	Rose Collinson/ NHS Medway	To consider Medway's Child's Health Strategy.	To be determined	Being healthy
Options for Barnsole – location of new school building	Pre-decision scrutiny	Chris McKenzie	To be brought back to Committee for consideration.	To be determined	Enjoy and achieve

### **Forthcoming meetings:**

25 March 2010

### **Items considered at previous meetings 2009/10:**

11 February 2010

- Member Item: School Governors and school budgets
- Portfolio Holder for Children's Social Care in attendance
- 2011 School admission arrangements

19 January 2010

- Member Item: Academies update
- Care Quality Commission and annual healthcheck results
- Portfolio Holder for Community Services in attendance
- Draft capital and revenue budget proposals 2009 – 2010 and draft Council Plan 2010 – 2013
- Call-in: Outcome of the consultation on the future of Delce Infant and Junior Schools

3 December 2009

- Medway Safeguarding Children Board
- Council Plan Monitoring – 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and performance of Children's Trust
- Portfolio Holder for Children's Services in attendance
- Special Education Needs Policy and Strategy
- Test and examination results

26 November 2009

- Primary re-organisation in Medway (Phase 2)

22 October 2009

- Substantial variation – Child and adolescent Mental Health Service – Tier 4 tender
- Inclusion
- Youth Justice System
- Youth Facilities Review – Progress report
- Implications following Lord Laming's report

24 September 2009

- Call-in: Outcome of consultation on the proposal to close Ridge Meadow Primary School and St John's Church of England Voluntary Controlled Infant School

21 September 2009

- Future provision of the Child Development Centre – substantial variation
- Member item: Diplomas
- Comprehensive Area Assessment, Inspections and Performance Monitoring
- Children's Services Performance Assessment 2008-09
- First Quarter Performance 2009/10
- Local Area Agreement 2008-11 (LAA2) progress on performance
- Work programme

8 June 2009 (Special meeting)

- Call-in: Primary Schools reorganisation in Medway

16 July 2009

- 14-19 Diploma Programme and Machinery of Government
- Medway Safeguarding Children Board
- Medway Youth Trust
- Survey on improving services for children in hospital