

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

4 DECEMBER 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 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 15 November 2018.

- 3.2 At the meeting, the following was suggested:

3.2.1 To defer the Sufficiency Statement 2018 from the December meeting to the meeting of the Committee scheduled for 10 January 2019.

3.2.2 To defer the update report on tackling racism from the January meeting to the meeting due to be held in May/June 2019.

- 3.2.3 That a report on the outcomes of the Medway Youth Council's Annual Conference be scheduled for the May/June 2019 meeting of the Committee.
- 3.2.4 That a report in relation to Governor Services be added to the 10 January 2019 meeting, following the recommendation from Audit Committee that the arrangements of the provision should be raised with this Committee.
- 3.2.5 That the demonstration of the Mind of My Own (MOMO) app be provided through member development after the forthcoming local elections.
- 3.2.6 That a briefing note being circulated to members of the Health and Adult Social Care (HASC) Overview and Scrutiny Committee relating to the Medway Children and Young People Emotional Wellbeing Service also be shared with this Committee (this was also a recommendation from the HASC Overview and Scrutiny Committee).
- 3.3 At the meeting, officers also indicated that they were likely to report a draft Children and Young People's Plan to the January meeting and a report regarding proposed safeguarding partnership arrangements to the March meeting of the Committee.

4. Cabinet Forward Plan

- 4.1 The latest Forward Plan of forthcoming Cabinet decisions was published on 19 November 2018 and can be viewed using the following link:
<https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/mgListPlanItems.aspx?PlanId=327&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>Joint Targeted Area Inspection This report will provide details of key findings from the Joint Targeted Area Inspection (JTAI) and how the Council and partners have responded to the report</p> <p><i>Scheduled on work programme for 4 December 2018</i></p>	18 December 2018
<p>School Admission Arrangements 2020 This report will seek approval to the School Admission Arrangements for September 2020. The admission arrangements will be initially considered by the Children and Young People O&S Committee on 4 December 2018.</p> <p><i>(scheduled on work programme for 4 December 2018)</i></p>	18 December 2018

Title of Decision:	Anticipated Cabinet Decision Date:
<p>Proposal to Make Prescribed Alterations to St Nicholas Church of England Infant School This report will provide details of a proposal to change St Nicholas CE Infant School to a 1FE primary school by the expansion of the premises and the extension of the age range.</p>	15 January 2019
<p>Sufficiency Statement 2018 This report will provide detail of how Medway Council will meet the needs of Looked After Children and Care Leavers in such a way as to ensure improved outcomes</p> <p>(recommended to be scheduled on work programme for 10 January 2019)</p>	15 January 2019
<p>Annual Adoption Report This report will provide detail on the Performance of the Council's Adoption Service.</p> <p>(scheduled on work programme for 10 January 2019)</p>	5 February 2019
<p>Final Funding Formula for Mainstream Schools and Academies 2019/20 This report will set out the final proposals for the funding formula for mainstream schools and academies, following consideration by the Schools Forum.</p>	5 February 2019

5. Headteacher position on the Committee

- 5.1 The Headteacher position became vacant on 13 June 2018 when the previous post holder, Tina Lovey, came to the end of her two year term of office.
- 5.2 An invitation for expression of interests into the vacancy was emailed to all Medway Headteachers on 14 September 2018, with a closing date of 19 October. During this period one expression of interest was received from Nicola Forrest, Headteacher at New Road Primary School. Nicola is currently in her fourth headship and has a "career history of rapid improvement".
- 5.3 The Committee is requested to consider the expression of interest and recommend the appointment of Nicola Forrest to the Headteacher position of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee for a two year term.

6. Teacher position

- 6.1 The recent post holder for the teacher position, Fay Cordingley, is changing roles on the Committee. Fay has recently agreed to be the Church of England Diocese of Rochester's representative on the Committee, which has been a long term vacancy. This therefore creates a vacancy in the teacher position and Democratic Services will be inviting expressions of interest to this vacancy shortly.

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, Members should be a champion for looked after children and have the same high expectations of them as they would for their own child, grandchild or niece/ nephew.

8. Financial and legal implications

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

9. Recommendations

- 9.1 The Committee is asked to agree the work programme as set out at Appendix 1, subject to the following changes:
- 9.1.1 To defer the Sufficiency Statement 2018 to the meeting of the Committee scheduled for 10 January 2019.
 - 9.1.2 To add a report regarding the arrangements of Governor Services provision to the meeting of the Committee scheduled for 10 January 2019.
 - 9.1.3 To add a report on the outcomes of the Medway Youth Council Annual Conference to the May/June 2019 meeting of the Committee.
 - 9.1.4 To defer consideration of the update report on tackling racism from the 10 January 2019 meeting to the May/June 2019 meeting of the Committee.
 - 9.1.5 That the presentation of the Mind of My Own (MOMO) app be removed from the work programme and provided during member induction in May 2019.
 - 9.1.6 That a report on the draft Children and Young People's Plan be added to the January meeting of the Committee
 - 9.1.7 That a report on the proposed safeguarding partnership arrangements be added to the March meeting of the Committee.
- 9.2 The Committee is asked to note that a briefing note being circulated to members of the Health and Adult Social Care (HASC) Overview and Scrutiny Committee relating to the Medway Children and Young People Emotional Wellbeing Service will also be shared with this Committee.
- 9.3 The Committee is asked to recommend the appointment of Nicola Forrest to the position for a non-voting Headteacher on this Committee to the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Group Whips, for a two year term.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Children and Young People O&S Committee Work Programme

Background papers:

None