

# CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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## 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 19 December 2018.
- 3.2 At the meeting, it was advised that the Children and Young People Plan will be deferred to the March meeting of the Committee.

#### 4. Cabinet Forward Plan

- 4.1 The latest Forward Plan of forthcoming Cabinet decisions was published on 17 December 2018 and can be viewed using the following link:  
<https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/mgListPlanItems.aspx?PlanId=329&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:

<b>Title of Decision:</b>	<b>Anticipated Cabinet Decision Date:</b>
<p><b>Proposal to make Prescribed Alterations to Greenvale Infant School</b>            This report will provide details of a proposal to change Greenvale Infant School to a 1FE primary school through the extension of the age range</p>	15 January 2019
<p><b>Proposal to make Prescribed Alterations to St Nicholas Church of England Infant School</b>            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><b>Request to Consult on Proposed Prescribed Alterations to Amalgamate Luton Infant and Junior Schools</b>            This report will provide details of a proposal to amalgamate Luton Infant and Junior Schools and seek approval from Cabinet to commence the consultation period.</p>	15 January 2019
<p><b>Sufficiency Statement 2018</b>            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   <i>(scheduled on work programme for 10 January 2019)</i></p>	15 January 2019
<p><b>Annual Adoption Report</b>            This report will provide detail on the Performance of the Council's Adoption Service. The report is scheduled for consideration, initially, by the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 10 January 2019   <i>(scheduled on work programme for 10 January 2019)</i></p>	5 February 2018
<p><b>Final Funding Formula for Mainstream Schools and Academies 2019/2020</b>            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
<p><b>Fostering Service Annual Report 2017/2018</b>            This report will provide detail on the performance of the Council's Fostering Service. The report is scheduled for consideration, initially, by the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 10 January 2019   <i>(scheduled on work programme for 10 January 2019)</i></p>	5 February 2019

Title of Decision:	Anticipated Cabinet Decision Date:
<p><b>Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Needs Analysis</b>  This report will set out the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Needs Analysis in line with the referral from the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Needs Analysis on Future Demand for SEND Places considered by the Cabinet on 23 October 2018</p>	5 February 2019
<p><b>Revenue and Capital Budgets 2019/2020</b>  This report will set out the proposals for the 2019/2020 capital and revenue budgets, including the comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees.</p> <p>The Cabinet will asked to make recommendations to Council on 21 February 2019 for final consideration and approval</p> <p><i>(considered by the Committee on 4 December 2018)</i></p>	5 February 2019
<p><b>2018/19 Quarter 3 Council Plan Performance Monitoring</b>  This report will set out performance monitoring for the third quarter of 2018/2019.</p> <p><i>(scheduled on work programme for 7 March 2019)</i></p>	5 March 2019

## 5. Teacher position on the Committee

- 5.1 As reported at the previous Committee meeting, the recent post holder for the teacher position, Fay Cordingley, has changed roles on the Committee. Fay recently agreed to be the Church of England Rochester Diocese representative on the Committee, which had been a long term vacancy. This therefore created a vacancy in the teacher position and Democratic Services will be inviting expressions of interest to this vacancy in early 2019.

## 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, 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.

## 7. Financial and legal implications

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

## **8. Recommendations**

- 8.1 The Committee is asked to agree the work programme as set out at Appendix 1, subject to the Children and Young People Plan being deferred to the meeting of the Committee scheduled for 7 March 2019.

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### **Appendices:**

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

### **Background papers:**

None