

# 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 14 February 2019.
- 3.2 At the meeting, it was agreed that the Medway Safeguarding Children Board report would be deferred to the June meeting of the Committee.
- 3.3 It was also agreed that an additional item be added to the March meeting of the Committee which would inform the Committee about the outcome of the Focussed Visit by Ofsted, which took place week commencing 4 February 2019.

3.4 It was also noted that due to the timing of Annual Council and the June meeting, there would not be sufficient time to hold an agenda planning meeting for that meeting. Members therefore briefing discussed the June meeting and agreed the following two items would be considered at that meetings as scheduled and reflected in the work programme attached at Appendix 1:

- Medway Safeguarding Children Board
- Tackling Racism in Medway

#### 4. Cabinet Forward Plan

4.1 The latest Forward Plan of forthcoming Cabinet decisions was published on 4 February 2019 and can be viewed using the following link:

<https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/mgListPlanItems.aspx?PlanId=334&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><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>	<p>5 March 2019</p>
<p><b>Outcome of OFSTED Focused Visit</b>            This report will provide details of the Focused Visit on Medway Children's Services Front Door and LADO (Local Authority Designated Officer) undertaken by OFSTED on 5 and 6 February 2019 and is for noting.</p> <p><i>(scheduled on work programme for 7 March 2019)</i></p>	<p>5 March 2019</p>
<p><b>Secondary Free School in Strood</b>            This report will outline the current situation with regard to the acquisition of land for a secondary Free School in Strood to help meet rising demand and requests approval for the Council to underwrite a third party overage held against the preferred land.</p>	<p>5 March 2019</p>
<p><b>Draft Children and Young People's Plan 2019-2024</b>            This report will set out details of the draft CYPP, which sets key strategic priorities for partnership action to improve outcomes for Medway's children and young people and help them achieve their potential. The Cabinet will be asked to agree for consultation to be undertaken on the draft plan.</p> <p><i>(scheduled on work programme for 7 March 2019)</i></p>	<p>9 April 2019</p>

<p><b>Gateway 3 Contract Award: SEN Transport</b>  This report will set out the outcome of the tender process and evaluation for the award of the contract for a SEN Transport Framework. The Cabinet agreed the commencement of the procurement process on 23 October 2018.</p>	<p>9 April 2019</p>
<p><b>Proposed Safeguarding Partnership Arrangements</b>  This report will set out the proposed local safeguarding arrangements in response to the requirements of The Children and Social Work Act 2017 and Working Together to Safeguard Children (2018). This report will initially be considered by the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 19 February 2019 and 7 March 2019 respectively.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(scheduled on work programme for 7 March 2019)</i></p>	<p>9 April 2019</p>
<p><b>Outcome of Consultation for the Proposals to Amalgamate Luton Infant and Junior Schools</b>  This report will outline outcomes of the consultation on the proposal to amalgamate Luton Infant and Junior Schools by way of prescribed alterations and will request Cabinet approval to progress to the statutory representation period..</p>	<p>11 June 2019</p>
<p><b>Outcome of Consultation on the Proposal to make changes at St Nicholas Church of England Infant School</b>  This report will outline outcomes of the consultation on the proposal to change St Nicholas CE Infant School, Strood to a 1FE primary school through the extension of the age range and the expansion of the premises, and will request Cabinet approval to progress to the statutory representation period.</p>	<p>11 June 2019</p>
<p><b>Outcome of Consultation on the Proposal to make Prescribed Alterations to Greenvale Infant School</b>  This report will outline outcomes of the statutory representation period on the proposal to change Greenvale Infant School, Chatham to a 1FE primary school through the extension of the age range and requests Cabinet approval to implement the change.</p> <p>Please note that it will only be necessary to submit a report to Cabinet for consideration and determination if any objections are received during the statutory consultation period.</p> <p>If no objections are received during this period, the Director – Children and Adult Services, in consultation with Portfolio Holders for Children’s Services (Lead Member) and Educational Attainment and Improvement, will determine whether to approve the proposals in accordance with Cabinet decision no. 3/2019.</p>	<p>11 June 2019</p>

## **5. Teacher position on the Committee**

- 5.1 As reported at the previous Committee meetings, 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 invited expressions of interest to this vacancy in early 2019.
- 5.2 One expression of interest was received from Geoffrey Matthews, Assistant Principal at Strood Academy. Geoffrey has taught for 20 years and has been an Assistant Principal and Designated Safeguarding Lead in Kent and Medway Academies for the past 10 years.
- 5.3 The Committee is requested to consider the expression of interest and recommend the appointment of Geoffrey Matthews to the Teacher position of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee for a two year term.

## **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 to the report.
- 8.2 The Committee is asked to recommend the Council to appoint Geoffrey Matthews to the position for a non-voting Teacher on this Committee for a two year term.

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### **Appendices:**

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

### **Background papers:**

None