

# CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

6 JUNE 2019

## 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 noted that due to the timing of Annual Council, there would not be sufficient time to hold an agenda planning meeting for the June meeting of this Committee. Members agreed the following two items would be considered at this meeting as scheduled and reflected in the work programme attached at Appendix 1:
- Medway Safeguarding Children Board
  - Tackling Racism in Medway

- 3.3 Following the agenda planning meeting Medway Youth Council asked to bring a report which would update the Committee on its work throughout 2018-19. This was also added to the work programme for the June meeting.

#### 4. Cabinet Forward Plan

- 4.1 The latest Forward Plan of forthcoming Cabinet decisions was published on 13 May 2019 and can be viewed using the following link:  
<https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/mgListPlanItems.aspx?PlanId=338&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>Council Response to LGO Complaint re Mainstream Home to School Transport Decision and Policy</b>            This report will set out the draft recommendations of the Local Government Ombudsman in relation to a complaint regarding Home to School Transport.</p>	11 June 2019
<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>	11 June 2019
<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>	11 June 2019
<p><b>Outcome of Consultation for the Proposals to Amalgamate Parkwood Infant and Junior Schools</b>            This report will outline a proposal to amalgamate Parkwood Infant and Junior Schools by way of prescribed alterations and will request Cabinet approval to commence the statutory consultation process.</p>	9 July 2019

<p><b>2019 Annual Review of the School Place Planning Strategy 2018-22</b>  This report will outline outcomes of the progress made against Medway's School Place Planning Strategy and will highlight emerging need for school places and making recommendations for Cabinet to consider to ensure that a sufficient supply of school places is maintained.</p>	<p>24 September 2019</p>
<p><b>Children and Young People Plan – Outcome of Consultation</b>  This report will set out details of the Children and Young People Plan following consultation.</p> <p><i><b>It is recommended this be reported to the 25 July 2019 meeting</b></i></p>	<p>24 September 2019</p>

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

- 5.1 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.

## **6. Financial and legal implications**

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

## **7. Recommendations**

- 7.1 The Committee is asked to agree the work programme as set out at Appendix 1 to the report, subject to adding the outcome of consultation of the draft Children and Young People's Plan to the 25 July 2019 meeting.

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### **Appendices:**

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

### **Background papers:**

None