

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

25 JULY 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 1 July 2019.
- 3.2 At the meeting, it was noted that the following dates to hold the relevant Portfolio Holders to account have been agreed and added to the work programme:
- Portfolio Holder for Adult Services (in relation to the Independent Reviewing Officer Service only) - 9 January 2020
 - Portfolio Holder for Children's Services (Lead Member) – 5 March 2020
 - Portfolio Holder for Education and Schools – 5 March 2020

- 3.3 Also at the agenda planning meeting, the following suggestions were agreed to be recommended for addition to the work programme. These additions are reflected as italic text in Appendix 1:

3 October 2019 meeting

- 2019 Annual Review of the School Place Planning Strategy 2018-22 (as requested at the last Committee meeting)
- Update on the Children's Services 0-19 contract delivered by Medway Community Healthcare (as requested at the last Committee meeting)
- Regional Adoption Agency
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Strategy
- Children's Social Care Complaints and Compliments 2018-19

3 December 2019 meeting

- Draft Capital and Revenue Budgets 2020-21
- School Admission Arrangements 2021

9 January 2020 meeting

- Annual Adoption Report
- Annual Fostering Report
- Sufficiency Statement 2019

5 March 2019

- Annual Schools Performance Report 2018-19

- 3.4 At the agenda planning meeting it was also suggested that an Inspections Update report, which will include an update on actions against the Medway Joint Targeted Area Inspection (JTAI) written statement of action (currently listed on the work programme under date to be determined), and an update on Aut Even's Ofsted Inspection, be scheduled for the Committee for either the October or December 2019 meeting.

- 3.5 Lastly it was agreed at the meeting to recommend that a demonstration of the Mind of My Own app be provided to Committee Members immediately before the start of the 3 December 2019 Committee meeting.

- 3.6 After the meeting, Democratic Services were made aware that as of **DATE** one objection had been received in relation to the proposals to make prescribed changes at St Nicholas CE Infant School. The closing date for objections is 21 July 2019. It is therefore recommended that this be considered by the Committee at its meeting on 3 October 2019.

4. Cabinet Forward Plan

- 4.1 The latest Forward Plan of forthcoming Cabinet decisions was published on 8 July 2019 and can be viewed using the following link:
<https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/mgListPlanItems.aspx?PlanId=341&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>Consultation on the Proposals to Restructure Alternative Provision in Medway This report will set out details of proposals for consultation in respect of a restructure of all non-independent Alternative Provision in Medway, in line with the School Place Planning Strategy 2018-22</p>	6 August 2019
<p>Proposals to Amalgamate Parkwood Infant and Junior Schools by way of Prescribed Alterations 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>	6 August 2019
<p>Outcome of Statutory Representation Period for the Amalgamation of Luton Infant and Luton Junior Schools This report will provide details of any objections received by the Council in respect of the statutory representation period for the Amalgamation of Luton Infant and Junior Schools. Should no objections be received, The Director of People – Children and Adult Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Children’s Services (Lead Member) and Education and Schools, will determine the proposals under delegated authority.</p>	3 September
<p>Children and Young People Plan – Outcome of Consultation This report will set out details of the Children and Young People Plan following consultation.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Being reported to the 25 July 2019 meeting</i></p>	24 September 2019
<p>2019 Annual Review of the School Place Planning Strategy 2018-22 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 style="text-align: right;"><i>Scheduled for 3 October 2019 meeting</i></p>	22 October 2019
<p>Outcome of Statutory Representation Period for the Prescribed Changes at St Nicholas CE Infant School This report will provide details of any objections received by the Council during the statutory representation period in respect of the proposals to make prescribed changes at St Nicholas CE Infant School.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Recommending to add this to the work programme for 3 October 2019 meeting.</i></p>	22 October 2019

<p>Provisional Funding Formula for Mainstream Schools and Academies 2020/21 This report will set out the provisional proposals for the funding formula for mainstream schools and academies for 2020/21</p>	<p>22 October 2019</p>
<p>Regional Adoption Agency This report will set out details of the business case to progress the proposals for a Regional Adoption Agency.</p> <p><i>Recommending to add this to the work programme for 3 October 2019 meeting.</i></p>	<p>22 October 2019</p>
<p>Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Strategy This report will set out details of the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Strategy for cabinet approval.</p> <p><i>Recommending to add this to the work programme for 3 October 2019 meeting</i></p>	<p>22 October 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:
- 7.1.1 the work programme as set out at Appendix 1 to the report, subject to accepted the proposed changes, outlined in italic text on Appendix 1.
- 7.1.2 to receive an Inspections Update report, which will include an update on actions against the Medway Joint Targeted Area Inspection (JTAI) written statement of action and an update on Aut Even's Ofsted Inspection, at either the October or December 2019 meeting.
- 7.1.3 that a demonstration of the Mind of My Own app be provided to Committee Members immediately before the 3 December 2019 meeting.

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Appendices:

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

Background papers:

None