

# **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**3 DECEMBER 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 November 2019.

3.2 At the meeting it was agreed that the ILACS Improvement Plan be added to the December meeting of the committee. As the plan will not be ready for publication until 28 November 2019, the agenda for the December meeting would be despatched with the plan marked to follow.

3.3 It was also suggested that a report updating the Committee on the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Improvement Plan be scheduled for the March meeting of the Committee.

3.4 At the meeting Members also agreed to defer the following two reports to the January meeting, the work programme at Appendix 1 has been updated accordingly:

- Regional Adoption Agency
- Proposals to Restructure Alternative Provision in Medway

#### 4. Cabinet Forward Plan

4.1 The latest Forward Plan of forthcoming Cabinet decisions was published on 18 November 2019 and can be viewed using the following link:

<https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/mgListPlanItems.aspx?PlanId=349&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>Ofsted Inspection of Medway's Children's Services - Update</b></p> <p>This report will provide an update on the Ofsted inspection of Medway's Children's Services.</p> <p><i>Scheduled for 9 January 2020 meeting</i></p>	<p>17 December 2019</p>
<p><b>Outcomes of Statutory Representation Period on the Proposal to Make Prescribed Alterations to St. Nicholas Church of England Voluntary Controlled (CEVC) Infant School</b></p> <p>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 CEVC Infant School.</p> <p><i>Was considered at the 3 October 2019 meeting</i></p>	<p>17 December 2019</p>
<p><b>Provisional Funding Formula for Mainstream Schools and Academies 2020/2021</b></p> <p>This report will set out the provisional proposals for the funding formula for mainstream schools and academies for 2020/21.</p>	<p>17 December 2019</p>
<p><b>School Admission Arrangements 2021</b></p> <p>This report will provide details of the outcome of consultation on the primary and secondary co-ordinated admission schemes and will seek approval to the proposed 2021 admission arrangements.</p> <p><i>Scheduled for 3 December 2019 meeting</i></p>	<p>17 December 2019</p>

<p><b>Alternative Provision - Outcomes of Consultation and Determination</b></p> <p>This report will provide details of the outcome of the consultation on the proposed changes to Alternative Provision in Medway which were presented to the Cabinet on 6 August 2019.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Slipping to 9 January 2020 meeting</i></p>	<p>14 January 2020</p>
<p><b>Ofsted Inspection of Medway's Children's Services - Update</b></p> <p>This report will provide an update on the Ofsted inspection of Medway's Children's Services.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Scheduled for 9 January 2020 meeting</i></p>	<p>14 January 2020</p>
<p><b>Outcome of the Consultation Period for the Prescribed Alterations at Parkwood Infant and Junior Schools</b></p> <p>The report will outline outcomes of the statutory representation period on the proposal to amalgamate Parkwood Infant and Junior Schools by way of prescribed alterations.</p>	<p>14 January 2020</p>
<p><b>Regional Adoption Agency</b></p> <p>This report will set out details of the business case to progress the proposals for a Regional Adoption Agency</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Slipping to 9 January 2020 meeting</i></p>	<p>14 January 2020</p>
<p><b>Annual Adoption Report</b></p> <p>This report will provide detail on the performance of the Council's Adoption Service.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Scheduled for 9 January 2020 meeting</i></p>	<p>4 February 2020</p>
<p><b>Annual Fostering Report</b></p> <p>This report will provide detail on the performance of the Council's Fostering Service.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Scheduled for 9 January 2020 meeting</i></p>	<p>4 February 2020</p>
<p><b>Annual Sufficiency Report</b></p> <p>This report will provide details 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 style="text-align: right;"><i>Scheduled for 9 January 2020 meeting</i></p>	<p>4 February 2020</p>
<p><b>Final Funding Formula for Mainstream Schools and Academies 2020/2021</b></p> <p>This report will set out the final proposals for the funding formula for mainstream schools and academies, following consideration by the Schools Forum.</p>	<p>4 February 2020</p>

## **5. Member Development Session – Effective Scrutiny of Performance Information**

- 5.1 At the agenda planning meeting it was also recommended that a Member development session, aimed at Members of this Committee and the Corporate Parenting Board with an open invitation to all Members, be provided on the effective scrutiny of performance information. The aim of this would be to strengthen Member capacity to use the performance monitoring information to effectively scrutinise the performance of children's services. A date will be identified for this session in the early part of 2020.

## **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:
- 8.1.1 agree the work programme as set out at Appendix 1 to the report, subject to accepting the proposed changes, outlined in italic text on Appendix 1.
- 8.1.2 note that a Member development session on the effective scrutiny of performance information will be set up in early 2020.

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### **Appendices:**

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

### **Background papers:**

None