

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

7 JANUARY 2021

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 10 November 2020.
 - 3.2. At the meeting, Members made the following suggestions:
 - 3.2.1. To add pre-decision scrutiny of the Child Assessment Unit to the 7 January 2021 meeting.
 - 3.2.2. To schedule an update to Alternative Provision to the March meeting of the agenda.

4. Cabinet Forward Plan

- 4.1. The latest Forward Plan of forthcoming Cabinet decisions was published on 14 December 2020 and can be viewed using the following link:

<https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/mgListPlanItems.aspx?PlanId=383&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: School Admission Arrangements 2022
Description: 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 2022 admission arrangements.
Anticipated Cabinet Decision Date: 12 January 2021

Title: Annual Adoption Report
Description: This report will provide detail on the performance of the Council's Adoption Service.
Anticipated Cabinet Decision Date: 12 January 2021

Title: Annual Fostering Report
Description: This report will provide detail on the performance of the Council's Adoption Service.
Anticipated Cabinet Decision Date: 12 January 2021

Title: Medway Child Assessment Unit
Description: This report will outline the options available to Medway Council to develop a provision that ensures a greater number of children and young people receive the right intervention, at the right time, a need highlighted during the ILACS inspection, as recommended by the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 9 January 2020. (Cabinet decision no. 2/2020 refers).
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Title: Final Funding Formula for Mainstream Schools and Academies 2021/22
Description: This report will set out the final proposals for the funding formula for mainstream schools and academies, following consideration by the Schools Forum.
Anticipated Cabinet Decision Date: 2 February 2021

Title: Sufficiency Report
Description: 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.
Anticipated Cabinet Decision Date: 2 February 2021

Title: Council Plan Monitoring and Risk Register Review 2020/21 – Quarter 3
Description: This report will provide details of Quarter 3 performance for 2020/21 against the priorities set out in the Council Plan and will bring forward the latest risk management review.
Anticipated Cabinet Decision Date: 2 March 2021

Title: Update on the Local Transformation Plan for Children and Young People's Mental Health
Description: This report will provide an update on the Local Transformation Plan for Children and Young People's Mental Health.
Anticipated Cabinet Decision Date: 30 March 2021

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 accepting the proposed changes, outlined in italic text on Appendix 1.

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Appendices

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

Background papers

None