

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

**20 JANUARY 2011**

## **WORK PROGRAMME**

Report from: Rose Collinson, Director of Children and Adults

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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 – Rules, paragraph 22.1 (v) 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 existing work programme for the Committee.

#### **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 Wednesday 22 December 2010.

#### **4. Cabinet Forward Plan**

- 4.1 Items added to the latest forward plan were highlighted to the committee verbally at its last meeting.

#### **5. Health Scrutiny**

- 5.1 To keep Members of this Committee informed about key activities relating to the scrutiny of children's health this section provides an update of recent or

forthcoming activity for both this Committee and the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

- 5.2 The committee were informed at the last meeting that the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee were holding a themed meeting on the transition between children and adult services for children with a disability (physical or learning) in January. This has been deferred to the committee's meeting on 15 March 2011 at 5pm. The committee are invited to attend this meeting but should inform the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinator (details below) if they intend to do so.
- 5.3 In relation to NHS reform, in the main, the Government is going ahead with the structural changes proposed in its original NHS White Paper, including the move to GP commissioning and the transfer of the public health function to local government. However, the legislative framework indicates a number of proposed changes in response to the consultation. These include a longer transition period to GP commissioning and, of importance to local government, significant extra statutory powers and duties for the proposed health and wellbeing boards and abandonment of the proposal to remove the health scrutiny powers from overview and scrutiny committees to these boards.
- 5.4 There will be a briefing (date to be advised) in relation to the following Department of Health documents: -
- NHS Operating Framework,
  - Legislative Framework and next steps, and;
  - The vision for adult social care – capable communities and active citizens.

## **6 Implications for Looked After Children**

- 6.1 Scrutinising services and support for looked after children (LAC) is a key aspect of the remit of this Committee. Members should ensure they focus attention on the Every Child Matters outcomes for LAC as well as scrutinising every child matters outcomes for all children in Medway.

## **7 Financial and legal implications**

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

## **8. Recommendations**

- 8.1 That, subject to changes made at the meeting, the work programme is agreed as set out at the attached Appendix 1 of the report.

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### **Background papers:**

None

**Work Programme**  
**Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**Policy framework documents – Children and Young People’s Plan and Youth Justice Plan**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Work Type</b>	<b>Responsible officer</b>	<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Timescale</b>	<b>Every Child Matters outcome</b>
Portfolio Holder for Children’s Services in attendance	Executive accountability		To hold the Portfolio Holder for Children’s Services (lead member) to account	20 January 2011	All
Report from the SEN Monitoring Group	Scrutiny	Juliet Sevier, Assistant Director, Inclusion/ Teri Reynolds, Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinator	To receive and consider a report from the SEN Monitoring Group on its findings and conclusions from its work.	20 January 2011	Enjoy and achieve
Draft capital and revenue budgets 2011/12	Budget scrutiny	Mick Hayward, Chief Finance Officer	To consider and scrutinise the draft capital and revenue budgets for 2011/12	20 January 2011	All
The importance of teaching	Service information	Rose Collinson, Director of Children and Adult Services	To receive a briefing on the Government’s education white paper, ‘the importance of teaching’.	20 January 2011	All
School admission arrangements for 2012	Pre-decision scrutiny	Simon Harrington, Student Services Manager	To scrutinise the proposed school admission arrangements for 2012.	20 January 2011	Enjoy and achieve
Themed meeting – Countering bullying	Scrutiny	Juliet Sevier Assistant Director Inclusion / Zoe Barkham Wellbeing Strategy Manager	To consider action being taken to prevent bullying in Medway, following the results of the TellUs Survey 2009.	1 March 2011	Enjoy and achieve  Stay safe
Council Plan monitoring – third quarter	Performance monitoring	Abi Cooper, Research and Review Manager	To scrutinise performance against targets in the Council Plan.	1 March 2011	All

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Portfolio Holder for Children's Social Care	Executive accountability		To hold the Portfolio Holder for Children's Social Care to account	1 March 2011	Stay safe
Medway Safeguarding Children Board (MSCB)	Performance management	Sally Mortimore, MSCB Manager	To consider and scrutinise the activity of the MSCB and its draft Business Plan.	5 April 2011	Stay safe
Review of healthy eating amongst children and young people – six month update	Scrutiny	Nicky Ling, Senior Public Health Manager (healthy weight), Zoe Barkham, Wellbeing Strategy Manager	To receive an update on the implementation of the recommendations from the in-depth review.	5 April 2011	Be healthy
Council Plan monitoring – fourth quarter	Performance monitoring	Abi Cooper, Research and Review Manager	To scrutinise performance against targets in the Council Plan.	To be determined	All
Vetting and barring	Service information	Rose Collinson, Director of Children and Adults	To receive an update on national guidance in relation to vetting and barring	To be determined	Stay safe

### **Forthcoming meetings:**

2011: 20 January, 1 March and 5 April.

### **Work completed in 2010/2011:**

#### **14 December 2010**

- Council Plan monitoring – second quarter
- Children's Services Assessment 2010

#### **20 October 2010**

- Child Development Centre – update on the future location of the service
- Transition between Year 6 and Year 7
- Barnsole Schools – location of new school buildings
- Update on academy programmes
- Redesignation of Rivermead School
- Sure Start Children Centres

**9 September 2010**

- Council Plan monitoring – first quarter
- Healthy eating amongst children and young people
- Medway Safeguarding Children Board
- Options for Barnsole – location of new school building

**12 July 2010**

- Update – future location of the Child Development Centre
- Youth Justice Plan
- Looked after children attainment
- Ofsted inspections

**27 May 2010**

- Common assessment framework
- Tell Us Survey 2009
- End of year performance report 2009/10