

Children and Young People Overview & Scrutiny Committee

20 June 2012

Work Programme 2012-13

Recommendation

That the Committee considers its current work programme, amends as appropriate and puts forwards any recommendations for Task & Finish Groups for consideration by the Overview & Scrutiny Board.

1.0 Work Programme

The Committee's current work programme is attached to this report as an appendix.

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Item	Report detail	Report author	Date of last report	Date of next report
<p>Special Educational Needs</p>	<p><u>Purpose</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consider the review of SEN provision, including the provision of in-county, out-of-county and private special education • To consider the impact that parental budget constraints are having on outcomes for young people <p><u>Outcome</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To make any appropriate recommendations • To agree any future scrutiny arrangements 	<p>Jessica Nash</p>	<p>8 June 2011</p>	<p>6 Sept 2012</p>
<p>Safeguarding and Child Protection</p>	<p><u>Purpose</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To receive an update on the local implications of the Munro Review • To consider the robustness of the arrangements in place for the dual role of the Director of Children’s Services, including the Government’s guidance on the local test of assurance • To assess if closer multi-agency working is improving the effectiveness of child protection <p><u>Outcome</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To make any appropriate recommendations 	<p>Phil Sawbridge</p>	<p>17 Jan 2012</p>	<p>6 Sept 2012</p>
<p>Sub-regional programme</p>	<p><u>Purpose</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consider the appropriateness of the proposed joint work by Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire related to children’s services <p><u>Outcome</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To endorse or make recommendations as to the proposed sub-regional work programme • To identify and act upon any implications for the Committee’s own work programme 	<p>Gereint Stoneman</p>	<p>NEW</p>	<p>6 Sept 2012</p>

Children's Centres	<u>Purpose</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider the commissioning strategy for Warwickshire's Children's Centres <u>Outcome</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To forward feedback and recommendations to the decision-maker 	TBC	NEW	6 Nov 2012
Annual Ofsted inspection – Action Plan	<u>Purpose</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To review the recommendations of the 2011 Ofsted inspection To review the Action Plans put in place to address those concerns <u>Outcome</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To make any appropriate recommendations To agree future scrutiny arrangements (possibly a similar model to how the HOSC looks at local health accounts via TFGs) 	TBC	NEW	6 Nov 2012
Area Behaviour Partnerships	<u>Purpose</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider how the new arrangements are working, now that this is full WCC policy To specifically review progress of the Eastern Area Behaviour Partnership, following the concerns raised in April To review how the barriers identified in the Chair reports from April are being overcome To review attendance figures for pupils in alternative placements <u>Outcome</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To make any appropriate recommendations 	Ross Caws	25 April 2012	6 Nov 2012
Passenger Transport Assistants	<u>Purpose</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To review how the new arrangements for school bus routes without PTAs are working To receive any incidents reported by operators, schools or parents regarding the health, safety and behaviour of young people travelling on those routes <u>Outcome</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To make any appropriate recommendations 	Mark Gore	NEW	6 Nov 2012

Safeguarding Improvement Task & Finish Group	<u>Purpose</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider the report of the Chair of the Task & Finish Group <u>Outcome</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To endorse the recommendations and forward them to Cabinet 	Bob Hicks	NEW	30 Jan 2013
<i>Dates to be confirmed</i>				
New school developments	<u>Purpose</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider how WCC and its partners are responding to new school developments and the growth in pupil numbers <u>Outcome</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To make any appropriate recommendations 	TBC	NEW	6 Nov 2012 or 30 Jan 2013
School Attainment – 2012	<u>Purpose</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To review the latest available school attainment data <u>Outcome</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To make any appropriate recommendations 	Shona Walton	20 June 2012	6 Nov 2012 or 30 Jan 2013
Strategy for School Improvement	<u>Purpose</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To review the strategy for school improvement following the cessation of SIPs, involving school-to-school support at primary and secondary levels <u>Outcome</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To make any appropriate recommendations To agree any future scrutiny arrangements 	TBC	NEW	3 April 2013
Academies/Free Schools – Memorandum of Understanding	<u>Purpose</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To review the draft “guidance to schools” <u>Outcome</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To suggest any amendments to the guidance 	Mark Gore	NEW	TBC
Academies Task & Finish Group	<u>Purpose</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider the report of the Chair of the Task & Finish Group <u>Outcome</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To endorse any recommendations and forward them to Cabinet 	Chair	NEW	TBC

Potential other topics

To consider the robustness of the management arrangements in place for:

- **Youth Offending Team** (why do a high proportion of LAC enter custody; how do the safeguarding and YOTs work together)
- **Sexual Abuse Resource Centre**
- **Drug and alcohol teams**
- **Paediatric services**

Standing items

Transformation Programme

The Chair and Party Spokes will determine if this item is needed for each meeting, and if so, what form it will take. It could be a general update or a full business case review

Briefing notes

Impact of staff reductions

For data on the number and percentage of staff reductions in service areas, and any direct impacts this has had on service delivery

Library and Information Service

For information on how the transformation programme is affecting library usage among young people, especially in areas of deprivation

Special Educational Needs – Government Green Paper

For an update on progress of the Green Paper, including an overview of professional debate

Scrutiny of Bullying

For information on the Council's current anti-bullying strategy and for statistical data on bullying across the county

Education of Vulnerable Pupils

For an update on the Council's emerging strategy and for statistical data on the numbers of vulnerable children in the county

Traded Services to Schools

For data on the buy-back of the Council's traded services by schools

Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG)

For an update on how schools are fulfilling their responsibilities for IAG