

# Children and Young People Overview & Scrutiny Committee

3 April 2013

## Work Programme 2012-13

### Recommendation

To consider the Committee's current work programme, amend as appropriate and put forward any recommendations for Task & Finish Groups for consideration by the Overview & Scrutiny Board.

### 1.0 Work Programme

The Committee's current work programme is appended to this report.

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## Children and Young People Overview & Scrutiny Committee – work programme

<b>Strategy for School Improvement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To review the strategy for school improvement following the cessation of SIPs, involving school-to-school support at primary and secondary levels</li> <li>To consider plans for the formation of “school improvement panels” and the promotion of “local leaders of education”</li> </ul>	Sarah Callaghan	NEW	TBC
<b>Local Account for Children, Young People and Family Services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To consider the People Group’s annual review of services commissioned and provided for children, young people and families. This will be in line with the annual "local account" produced for adult services, which is public-focused, highlights priorities for the coming year, performance to date and areas for further development.</li> </ul>	Andrew Sharp	NEW	18 June 2013
<b>Transformation of Services for Young People</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To scrutinise the effect of the transformation programme on outcomes for young people</li> </ul>	Hugh Disley	20 June 2012	18 June 2013
<b>Children’s Centres</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To consider the commissioning strategy for Warwickshire’s Children’s Centres</li> <li>To forward feedback and recommendations to the decision-maker</li> </ul>	Colin McKenzie	NEW	18 June 2013
<b>Special Educational Needs – reforms</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To consider the latest progress of the national SEN reforms</li> </ul>	Jessica Nash	6 Nov 2012	18 June 2013
<b>Pupil Premium</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To assess how the Pupil Premium is being used in schools to raise attainment, looking at examples of best practice</li> </ul>	TBC	NEW	18 June or 3 Sept 2013
<b>Area Behaviour Partnerships</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To consider how the new arrangements are working, after 12 months of them being full WCC policy</li> <li>To consider how the Committee’s previous concerns, particularly those around Key Stage 3, are being addressed</li> </ul>	Steve Pendleton	6 Nov 2012	3 Sept 2013
<b>Passenger Transport Assistants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To consider how the policy is progressing, including financial information on the savings achieved</li> </ul>	Craig Pratt	6 Nov 2012	6 Nov 2013
<b>Warwickshire Safeguarding Children Board (WSCB) – annual report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To better understand the function of the WSCB</li> <li>To avoid future duplication of scrutiny activity</li> </ul>		NEW	6 Nov 2013
<b>Warwickshire Education Services (WES) Trading Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To assess the progress of WES</li> <li>To assess the competitiveness of the LA’s offer to schools</li> </ul>	Craig Cusack	30 Jan 2013	Jan 2014

### **Potential other topics – to be scheduled/requested**

#### **Children's health**

- Addressing the fragmentation of children's health plans (due to different agencies adopting different processes etc.)
- Ensuring the Quality Accounts process takes account of children's health issues
- Invite the Director of Public Health to present the key challenges for children's health

#### **Role of the Director of Children's Services**

- To assess the robustness of arrangements in place for the dual role of the Director of Children's and Adult Services

#### **Provision for young people with Behavioural, Emotional and Social Difficulties (BESD)**

- To consider the business case for providing an in-county BESD resource

### **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

#### **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

#### **Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG)**

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