

Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee

2nd April 2014

Work Programme 2013/14

Recommendations

That the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) Note the updated Work Programme 2013/14 and the inclusion of additional areas of scrutiny activity or review;
- 2) Notes the update on the Transition of Mental Health Services Task and Finish Group; and
- 3) Notes the update on recommendations and actions previously agreed.

1.0 Work Programme

- 1.1 The updated Committee Work Programme for 2013/14 is attached at **Appendix A**.

2.0 Briefing Notes

- 2.1 The following Briefing Notes have been circulated since the last meeting of the Committee:
 - Free School Meals for Infants – an outline of the resource implications for the County Council.
 - Characteristics of young people at risk of becoming NEET.
 - Children's Centres – base and support funding allocation to each of the groups / collaborations, including the revised procurement timetable.
 - Children's Centres – involvement of parents in Early Years Commissioning
 - Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) – County Council response to Government Health Committee enquiry
 - Children's Health – comparative data
- 2.2 Members are asked to consider whether they wish to undertake further scrutiny of any of the above topics.

3.0 Transition of Mental Health Services Task and Finish Group

3.1 At its last meeting, the Committee agreed to appoint a joint Task and Finish Group to review transitional arrangements for mental health services from children and young people to adults. The following members were appointed to the Task and Finish Group:

- Children and Young People OSC – Councillors Bob Hicks and Peter Fowler
- Adult Social Care and Health OSC – Councillors John Beaumont and Peter Morson

3.2 The scoping document for the review is currently being drafted and will be considered at the first meeting of the Task and Finish Group, which has been scheduled for 16th April 2014.

4.0 All Age Autism Strategy

4.1 Members will recall that the Strategy was to be presented to the Committee to give members the opportunity to comment on the draft document, prior to being approved at Cabinet on 8 May. So that members still have this opportunity, an informal meeting of the Chair and Spokes has been scheduled to consider and comment on the draft Strategy.

4.2 This update was emailed to the Committee on 17th March 2014 and members were recommended to raise any comments or views, regarding this piece of work, with their Spokes, who can then represent those views at the meeting.

5.0 Recommendations and Action Plan

5.1 Attached at **Appendix B** is a document which will help the Committee to keep track of recommendations and requests that it has made. The document will be regularly updated and presented to each Committee meeting, so that members can track progress and determine whether any further action is required.

6.0 Dates of Future Meetings

6.1 Future meetings of the Committee have been scheduled for 10.00 a.m. on the following dates:

- 3rd June 2014
- 2nd September 2014
- 4th November 2014
- 6th January 2015
- 7th April 2015

Appendices:

Appendix A – Work Programme 2012/13

Appendix B – Recommendations and Actions 2013/14

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Item	Report detail	Date of last report	Date of next report
Questions to the Portfolio Holders / Forward Plan	Report which includes Forward Plan decisions relevant to the remit of the Committee. (Georgina Atkinson)	N/a	* Standing item for every meeting
Primary Inclusion Support Groups	<p>The Committee to consider a report on:</p> <p>1) the outcomes of the decision to close the PRU in both the primary and secondary sectors; 2) the questions and issues that have arisen and how they are planned to be addressed; and 3) the secondary exclusion data for the full year 2012/13 (provided by Steve Pendleton)</p> <p>(Pat Tate / Graham Pirt) The Committee to undertake a site visit of ISGs prior to the meeting, which will be scheduled for March 2014 – date to be confirmed.</p>	N/a	2 nd April 2014
Development of New School at Manor Park Site	To receive an update on the development of Manor Park, following the County Council's successful bid for Targeted Basic Need for the new school for 80 pupils. (Claudia Wade)	N/a	2 nd April 2014
Integrated Disability Service	To consider the impact of the savings programme on the priorities and service delivery. (Sally Lightfoot)	N/a	2 nd April 2014
Adoption Process and Scorecards	Government requirement that the County Council speeds up the adoption process. Invitation to the meeting to be extended to the Chair of the Corporate Parenting Panel. Possible Task and Finish Group review once the Committee has considered the report.	N/a	2 nd April 2014

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What has/will be the impact of the Government’s desire to ensure children and young people are adopted quickly? • What approach has been taken in Warwickshire? • What is the long term impact of adopting children and young people more quickly? • How does the service compare regionally and nationally? • What further legislative changes are expected? How is will impact on the adoption service? • How are the views of children and families sought and fed into service provision/development? • What would be the implications of outsourcing? (Brenda Vincent / Sharon Shaw) 		
Transition of Public Health	To receive a report by the Director of Public Health in respect of the transition of Public Health from the PCT to the County Council and delivery against intended outcomes, focusing on children-related services. (Racheal Leslie)	N/a	2 nd April 2014
Priority Families Initiative	<p>The Council has identified more than 900 of the hardest to help families who will be targeted for intervention by the programme. More than 400 families are already being worked with and the scheme remains on track to meet the local authority’s target of turning around 805 families in the County by April 2015. Areas to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many families are involved and how are families identified? • How will it make a difference? How has it made a difference so far? • What funding is available to support this initiative? • Where are Warwickshire in comparison to other authorities? What have been the key challenges and issues? 	N/a	3 rd June 2014

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the Council on track to achieve the April 2015 target? • How does the initiative link with the Child Poverty Strategy and the support provided by Children's Centres? How is the initiative being monitored and evaluated? • How will the programme be sustained beyond 2015? (Nick Gower-Johnson) 		
Educational Provision for 14-19 Year Olds	<p>To examine the developments being made to address skills shortages and ensure children and young people have the opportunities and support needed to develop the employability and life skills they need for the future employment. Areas to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What provision and support is available to young people (either in schools, by the youth support service or other methods) to develop life skills? • Are the development of life skills and employability skills included as part of the school curriculum? • How are young people prepared for the world of work? • What initiatives have been implemented and how effective have they been? • What support is provided by sixth forms, colleges and other further education providers? • Do schools work in partnership with local businesses on developing life skills for young people and the skills needed for employment? • Has an Employability Charter been developed and promoted within Warwickshire? If so, what has been the impact of its development so far? • What is the involvement of the CWLEP/City Deal and how will it impact on skills shortages and developing employability skills? • How are the views of children and families sought on current provision and how do they feed into future service provision/development? • Impact of Raising the Participation Age from Summer 2015. 	N/a	3 rd June 2014

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	Once the Committee has received the initial report, it will consider if any further review work (possibly via a Task and Finish Group) is required. (Yvonne Rose, Sarah Bradwell, Sophie Thompson)		
Child Poverty Strategy	<p>The Committee to monitor the implementation of the Strategy through the action plan to ensure actions and developments are being achieved on target and are making a difference. Areas to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outline of the national context, nature of Child Poverty and eradication by 2020. • Has the final strategy been approved? What are the timescales involved? • Review the action plan and monitor progress against it. • How effective is partnership working in the delivery of actions? • What outcomes are expected as a result of the strategy? • How have the views of children and families been sought and fed into the strategy? • How does the Strategy link to the Priority Families Initiative? (Bill Basra) 	N/a	3 rd June 2014
Implications of the Budget	Funding reductions over the next four years could potentially result in unmanageable demand. How will this be addressed, in terms of the delivery of key projects? The Committee to monitor how this will be addressed within a reduced budget, in order to sustain statutory requirements and meet the Corporate Ambitions. May be a verbal update – Wendy to advise closer to the time. (Wendy Fabbro)	N/a	3 rd June 2014
Narrowing the Gap Strategy	To request a report on the development of the Narrowing the Gap Strategy (Claudia Wade)	6 th November 2013	3 rd June 2014

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Scrutiny Action Plans	<p>To receive an update on recommendations previously submitted and subsequently agreed (or noted) by Cabinet in respect of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academies and Free Schools (Claudia Wade / Phillip Edmundson / Greta Needham) • Children's Centres (Barbara Wallace) 	22 nd January 2014	2 nd September 2014
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment	<p>There will be a full review of the JSNA in 2015, focusing on the last three years work/products. The update is to be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board in May (2014) and will cover the current 5 themes and 10 topics. It is recommended that a joint meeting with the ASC&HOSC is held towards the end of the year (October/November) to consider the review. (Georgina Atkinson / Ann Mawdsley)</p>	N/a	Additional single item meeting in Oct/Nov – date TBC
Performance of Warwickshire C&YP in National Tests and Examinations	<p>To consider the annual report on school attainment. Primary school data available by January and Sixth Form data by March. Headline data to go to members in November, what is the value added. Final data really available in June. (Nigel Minns – need to be reassigned once joined authority and added to CMIS)</p>	6 th November 2013	4 th November 2014
Area Behaviour Partnerships	<p>To consider an annual update on the progress of the ABPs, focusing on the performance, how any issues with underperformance have been addressed and what the impact of performance has been on young people. (Steve Pendleton)</p>	6 th November 2013	4 th November 2014

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Children's Centres Service Delivery Outcomes	<p>To undertake the Committee's previous recommendation for the Children's Centres Select Committee:</p> <p><i>That the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Health and Wellbeing Board monitors the key service delivery outcomes, as defined by the Learning and Achievement service, and the extent to which these are achieved by the Children's Centre providers.</i></p> <p>The Committee to receive a performance report in order to monitor outcomes. First update to include detail regarding the award of the contract and the key service delivery outcomes that have been set. (Barbara Wallace / Kate Harker)</p>	23 rd August 2013	6 th January 2015
Performance of the Independent Reviewing Service	To consider a report on the impact on young people of the performance of the Independent Reviewing Service and the application for a Market Forces Supplement for IRO salaries. (Jenny Butlin-Moran)	22 nd January 2014	6 th January 2015
NEETs Update Report	The Committee to consider an annual update, with reference to statistical neighbours, looked after children, the legacy of pupil referral units and like to apprenticeships and work experience, with reference to the work of the Coventry and Warwickshire LEP in this area. (Sarah Bradwell)	22 nd January 2014	6 th January 2015
Transition of children to adult mental health services	Report of the joint Task and Finish Group with the OSC, Adult Social Care and Health OSC and Health Watch to review the transition of children to adult mental health services. (Clls Fowler and Hicks representing the OSC) (Georgina Atkinson)	Agreed by OSC – 22 nd January 2015	TBC – once final report completed

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Children's Services Benchmarking Tool	Report to be presented, once the further information on the Benchmarking Tool and implementation timescales have been confirmed. Is this ChiMat? (Report author – TBC)	N/a	TBC – raise at next Chair and Spokes
Mental Health Service Provision for Children in Schools	Possible joint Task and Finish Group with Adult Social Care and Health – needs further discussion with Chair and Wendy Fabbro. Request that School Governor representatives be invited to participate in that review. (Georgina Atkinson)	Raised by OSC – 22 nd January 2015	TBC – raise at next Chair and Spokes
Vulnerability Strategy	A strategy regarding the allocation of resources to where the greatest need was identified, using appropriate evidence and data to determine. The Strategy will be developed once services restructures have been completed. (TBC)	N/a	TBC
Organisational Health Report 2014/15	Quarterly report to scrutinise the performance management of services that fall within the remit of Committee. (Georgina Atkinson)	22 nd January 2014	TBC

Briefing Notes

Item	Briefing Note detail	Date requested	Date circulated
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. To include minutes of the Warwickshire Safeguarding Boards who also monitor this arrangement. (Wendy Fabbro)	13 th January 2014	

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Free School Meals for Infants	Free school meals are to be provided for all infants from September 2015. Note to include an outline of the resource implications for the County Council. (John Findlay)	13 th January 2014	27 th January 2014
Children & Families Bill 2013 and SEND Reforms	To consider an update on the implications and changes arising from the implementation of the Children and Families Bill 2013 and the Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) reforms. (Jayne Mumford)	Request in May 2014	
NEETs	A briefing note which detailed the characteristics of young people at risk of becoming NEET. (Sarah Bradwell)	22 nd January 2014	27 th January 2014
School Improvement Team	To consider the findings of the internal audit review of the School Improvement team. (Philip Edmundson)	27 th January 2014	
Children's Centres	To receive an outline of the base and support funding allocation to each of the Children's Centre groups / collaborations, including the revised procurement timetable. (Barbara Wallace and John Hopper for the procurement timetable)	27 th January 2014	29 th January 2014
Warwickshire Education Services (WES) – Trading Update	To assess the progress of WES and the competitiveness of the LA's offer to schools. (Pat Tate)	Request for June 2014	

**Recommendations and Actions raised by
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Date raised by the OSC	Recommendation / Action	Lead Member / Officer	OSC Update	Progress Notes
22 nd January 2014	Confirmation on whether the increase of the Pupil Premium to £1,300 per child applied only to primary schools.	Claudia Wade	2 nd April 2014	<p>COMPLETED</p> <p>In the 2014 to 2015 financial year, Pupil Premium funding will be £2.5 billion. The premium will rise to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £1,300 per pupil of primary-school age • £935 per pupil of secondary-school age • £1,900 per pupil for looked-after children who: have been looked after for 1 day or more; are adopted; or leave care under a Special Guardianship Order or a Residence Order.
22 nd January 2014	A timetable for the proposed public consultation and roll-out for Super Priority Areas across the county.	Peter Speers	2 nd April 2014	<p>COMPLETED – refer to Cabinet report of 10th April.</p>

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<p>22nd January 2014</p>	<p>Hugh Disley, Head of Early Intervention, agreed that the page would be amended to include the full list of youth and community centres, with web links to the full youth offer in each area.</p>	<p>Hugh Disley</p>	<p>2nd April 2014</p>	<p>COMPLETED</p> <p>Hugh Disley has advised:</p> <p>The directive that we have is that services provided by/funded by WCC have their provision details on our webpages and others, such as community and voluntary groups have their provision details on Warwickshire Direct. As Targeted Support for Young people no longer have the remit for universal youth provision, information in respect of current voluntary or other youth services would need to come from Localities & Communities; we have requested that Warwickshire Direct contact WCVYS for the information required. The onus would then be on the individual groups to update and maintain their information on Warwickshire Direct.</p> <p>We will provide a link from the WCC web page to the Warwickshire Direct webpage.</p>
<p>22nd January 2014</p>	<p>Request that the Committee have sight of the County Council's response to the letter that was submitted to the Chief Executive and the Leader of the Council by the Chair of Governors at Kenilworth Children's Centre and Nursery.</p>	<p>Hugh Disley / Phillip Edmundson</p>	<p>2nd April 2014</p>	<p>COMPLETED</p> <p>Letter circulated to the Committee by email – 13th March 2013</p>

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22 nd January 2014	Children's Centres Scrutiny Action Plan – with regard to Recommendation 9, members queried the claim that the Chair and Spokespersons of the Committee had been asked to invite parent representatives to informal meetings to discuss the procurement exercise for the Early Years service. Members considered that this was not the intention of the recommendation and that, as the Chair and Spokespersons had been requested to maintain complete confidentiality regarding the procurement information, the involvement of parent representatives at those meetings would not have been possible.	Kate Harker / Sian Stroud	2 nd April 2014	COMPLETED Briefing note circulated to the Committee by email – 19 th March 2014
22 nd January 2014	That Chris Smart Chair of Warwickshire Parent Governors Association , who had been awarded an MBE for education services in Warwickshire be invited to the next meeting of Full Council and his award be included as part of the Chair's Announcements.	Janet Purcell	2 nd April 2014	COMPLETED Chris Smart has been invited to attend the March meeting of Council.