

Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee

4th November 2014

Work Programme 2014/15

Recommendations

That the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) Approves the updated Work Programme 2014/15;
- 2) Notes the update on the Transition of Mental Health Services Task and Finish Group;
- 3) Notes the arrangements for attendance at the Skills Show on 14th November 2014; and
- 4) Notes the update on recommendations and actions previously agreed.

1.0 Work Programme 2014/15

- 1.1 The updated Committee Work Programme for 2014/15 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:
 - Child Sexual Exploitation in Rotherham – 8th September 2014
 - Adoption Performance - 15th October 2014
- 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 The Task and Finish Group last met on 15th August to discuss a series of site visits which will be undertaken during September. As part of the review, members will be engaging directly with service users (and will receive training

beforehand) and HealthWatch has devised a number of short questions for the young people to respond to. It was anticipated that the review would be completed in October 2014. The timeline for the completion of the review has been extended due to the work that has been taking place around the CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services) redesign. It is anticipated that the review will be completed before the end of 2014.

- 3.2 Warwickshire Children and Voluntary Youth Services (WCVYS) have carried out a number of community engagement events with service users and stakeholders. Warwickshire County Council has also completed a survey with schools, GP's and the voluntary and community sectors to gather evidence around current mental health services for children, including transitions. The data from the events and survey is currently being analysed and will be presented to the Task and Finish Group at a meeting on 12th November 2014. The Task and Finish Group will also meet with the three CCG's (Clinical Commissioning Groups) and with the Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust.
- 3.3 As this is a joint review of the Children and Young People and the Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees, it is suggested that a joint meeting be arranged to consider the final report and recommendations of the Task and Finish Group, to provide both Committees the opportunity for due consideration and discussion of the outcome of the review, prior to submission to Cabinet.

4.0 Skills Show, 14th November 2014

- 4.1 The Chair and Spokespersons of the Committee have agreed to attend the Skills Show which is being held at the Birmingham NEC 13th to 15th November.
- 4.2 Confirmed attendees to the Skills Show on the 14th November are Councillor Jenny St. John, Councillor John Whitehouse, Councillor Dave Parsons, Councillor Peter Fowler, Councillor Bob Hicks and Ben Patel-Sadler (Democratic Services Officer).
- 4.2 *"The Skills Show, the nation's largest skills and careers event, is helping to shape the future of a new generation. Attracting over 75,000 visitors, the show provides hands-on experiences that inspire young people to explore further education, skills and Apprenticeships. The Skills Show is part of Find a Future, the organisation which brings together the nation's flagship skills and careers experiences."* www.theskillsshow.com
- 4.3 Due to the number of members attending (x5) there will be no minibus provided from Shire Hall to transport colleagues to the NEC. Attendees have been advised on the transport options available to them and have been encouraged to car share if driving to the venue.

5.0 Recommendations and Action Plan

5.1 Attached at **Appendix B** is the document which helps the Committee to keep track of recommendations and requests that it has made. The document is 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:

- 6th January 2015
- 7th April 2015
- 2nd June 2015
- 22nd September 2015
- 17th November 2015
- 12th January 2016
- 1st March 2016

Appendices:

Appendix A – Work Programme 2014/15

Appendix B – Recommendations and Actions 2014/15

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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. (Ben Patel-Sadler)	N/a	* Standing item for every meeting
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment	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. (Ben Patel-Sadler / Ann Mawdsley)	N/a	Additional single item meeting in Oct/Nov – date TBC
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. Possible joint OSC meeting to approve. (Ann Mawdsley)	Agreed by OSC – 22 nd January 2015	Joint meeting with ASC&HOSC – TBC
Referral from Regulatory Committee	The Committee to consider the referral from the Regulatory Committee in respect of a compensation payment hat has been made to a parent following their complaint that the County Council failed to fulfil its statutory duty to provide their child with suitable education. The Children and Young People OSC is asked to review the process that the County Council has in place when dealing with ad hoc requests for school places. (Steve Pendleton)	N/a	4 th November 2014
Children's Social Care Complaints	To consider the extent and nature of complaints regarding Children's Social Care, with further detail on those complaints that are regarded as 'high risk' and that are not resolved in the first stage. (Karen Smith)	N/a	4 th November 2014

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Performance of Warwickshire C&YP in National Tests and Examinations	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) 3 rd June 2014 – request that the report include clarity on the County Council's strategy for how members, as 'Champion of the Learner', could successfully address school underperformance.	6 th November 2013	4 th November 2014
School Performance and Improvement	To receive a report on the current arrangements and resources for the School Improvement team and an overview of performance in each district/borough (building on the data in the Schools Dashboard) to identify any key performance issues/trends. (Graham Pirt)	N/a	4 th November 2014
Area Behaviour Partnerships	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)	6 th November 2013	4 th November 2014
All Age Autism Strategy	To consider an update on the Delivery Plan, the achievement of key outcomes and the three recommendations from the Chair & Spokes. (Lisa Lissaman)	N/a	4 th November 2014
Warwickshire Safeguarding Children Board	To receive the Annual Report 2014 (Wendyb Fabbro / Cornelia Heaney) – no need to go through CMIS.	N/a	4 th November 2014
SEND Local Offer Consultation	To receive a verbal update on the SEND Local Offer Consultation (Hugh Disley) – no need to go through CMIS as verbal update.	18 th August 2014	4 th November 2014

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Child Poverty Strategy	To consider the shortlist of proposed priorities, and the anticipated outcomes, for inclusion in the refreshed Strategy. (Bill Basra)	3 rd June 2014	6 th January 2015
Priority Families Programme	To receive an update on the Programme, refreshed criteria and expenditure of the surplus DCLG funding. (Nick Gower-Johnson)	3 rd June 2014	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
Proposed Changes to Home to School Transport Policy	Members noted the verbal update and requested that a report detailing the consultation exercise proposals be presented, once available. (June Maw)	2 nd September 2014	6 th January 2015
Academies and Free Schools Scrutiny Action Plan	The Committee to receive an update on recommendations previously submitted and subsequently agreed (or noted) by Cabinet in respect of the following: Academies and Free Schools (NO WORKFLOW ON CMIS)	2 nd September 2014	6 th January 2015
Strategy for Vulnerable Learners	The Committee requested that the post-consultation version of the Strategy be presented, once available. (Pat Tate)	2 nd September 2014	7 th April 2015
Adoption Process and Scorecards	To receive an update on the implementation of changes to the adoption process, including the impact of the Government Adoption Action Plan. (Brenda Vincent)	2 nd April 2014	7 th April 2015

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Primary Inclusion Support Groups	The Committee to consider an annual report on the Primary Inclusion Support Groups to include the experience gained of transport issues and how these have been resolved. (Pat Tate / Graham Pirt)	2 nd April 2014	7 th April 2015
Childcare Sufficiency Assessment	To consider the annual report (prior to approval at Cabinet) on how the Council is meeting its duty to secure sufficient childcare. (Diana Spragg) Possible Select Committee approach – requires further discussion at Chair & Spokes (then add to Forward Plan)	N/a	7 th April 2015 – TBC *discuss at future Chair & Spokes
Children's Centres Providers	<p>To receive a presentation from Barnardo Services Ltd and The Parenting Group to include detail on the impact of the transition and the delivery of the five outcomes, together with an update on the Children's Centres Scrutiny Action Plan, at the meeting scheduled for 7th April 2015.</p> <p>To undertake the Committee's previous recommendation for the Children's Centres Select Committee: 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.</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)</p>	2 nd September 2014	7 th April 2015
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 – to confirm other officers) 	2 nd September 2014	7 th April 2015

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NEETs Update Report	The next annual report on the number of NEET young people be presented in June 2015. (Sarah Bradwell)	2 nd September 2014	2 nd June 2015
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. (Ben Patel-Sadler)	Raised by OSC – 22 nd January 2015	TBC
Local Offer	To consider the outcome of the consultation regarding the Local Offer for social care, education and health for children with disabilities. (Hugh Disley / Adrian Wells) *Need confirmation of when this will be available	16 th July 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	
Children & Families Bill 2013 and SEND	To consider an update on the implications and changes arising from the implementation of the Children and Families Bill 2013 and the Special Educational	2 nd May 2014	

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Reforms	Needs and Disability (SEND) reforms. (Judith Humphry)		
School Improvement Team	To consider the findings of the internal audit review of the School Improvement team. (Claudia Wade to confirm)	27 th January 2014	See Academies & Frees Schools Scrutiny Action Plan
Warwickshire Education Services (WES) – Trading Update	To assess the progress of WES and the competitiveness of the LA's offer to schools. (Pate Tate / Janice Ogden)	27 th May 2014	28 th August 2014
Schools Dashboard Report	Includes KPIs for schools, i.e. number of children attending 'good' schools. (Wendy Fabbro)	2 nd May 2014	21 st May 2014
Review of Threshold Document	Briefing note regarding the review of the document which focuses on the threshold for children and/or families requiring social care support. (Wendy Fabbro)	2 nd May 2014	
Universal Free School Meals	First briefing note provided in January 2014 – request update on the latest position, particularly around the County Caterers Implementation Plan, the readiness of schools for September and arrangements for those schools who do not have any catering provision.	2 nd May 2014	30 th May 2014
Coventry & Warwickshire Partnership Trust	Briefing notes regarding the recent Care Quality Commission report.	2 nd May 2014	7 th May 2014

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Adoption Performance	Briefing note on the County Council's performance in respect of adoption targets and process times. Last update received April 2101 – 6 month update due October 2014. (Brenda Vincent)	3 rd June 2014	Briefing note circulated by BPS on 15 October 2014.
16-19 Year Old NEETs (Not in Education, Employment or Training)	The Committee requested a Briefing Note outlining the next round of Department for Education NEETs data be provided in February 2015. (Sarah Bradwell)	2 nd September 2014	Sarah responded on 11.09.14 stating that the BN would be provided in February 2015.
Children's Centre Commissioning	The Committee requested a Briefing Note on the provision of the Health Visiting service in Children's Centres once national guidance had been made available. (Rachael Leslie, Public Health)	2 nd September 2014	

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Date raised by the OSC	Recommendation / Action	Lead Member / Officer	OSC Update	Progress Notes
2 nd April 2014	Early Years Commissioning – Chris Lewington undertook to circulate a briefing she had prepared to members of the Committee, which would include details of future savings plans.	Chris Lewington	3 rd June 2014	COMPLETED Briefing notes circulated to members 12 th May 2014
2 nd April 2014	Warwick Super Priority Area – June Maw undertook to check whether a response to the consultation had been received from the Warwick Transport Strategy Group.	June Maw	3 rd June 2014	COMPLETED June Maw has confirmed that no consultation response was received from this group.
22 nd January 2014	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 other in each area.	Hugh Disley	2 nd April 2014	COMPLETED Briefing note circulated to the OSC – 19 th June 2014
22 nd January 2014	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.	Hugh Disley / Claudia Wade	2 nd April 2014	Letter circulated to the Committee by email – 13 th March 2013. <u>Further request for clarification raised by Cllr Whitehouse re:</u> 1) Informal comments raised by some providers; 2) A clear statement of WCC's own policy position? Do we "value the

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				<p>expertise of EYTCs" or not?; and</p> <p>3) What is WCC doing to utilise Nursery schools/classes to the full for the benefit of the whole of early years education across the county, and to ensure the sustainability of the EYTCs for the future?</p> <p>Issue referred to Cllr Hayfield – 6th June 2014</p>
3 rd June 2014	<p>Early Years Commissioning:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) A list of the Children's Centres to be transferred under each tranche. 2) Information on the rationale for the selection of Barnardo Services Ltd (once no longer commercially sensitive). 3) Clarification on whether, and to what extent, the Social Value Fund had been considered as part of the procurement process. 	Chris Lewington	2 nd Sept 2014	<p>COMPLETED</p> <p>Briefing note circulated to the OSC – 11th August 2014</p>
3 rd June 2014	<p>Members briefing be arranged to provide information and assurances on: the County Council's approach to commissioning to ensure that micro enterprises were being positively engaged; the consideration of Social Value; the balance of transparency against commercial sensitivity; and the parameters for commissioning to ensure that locally experienced providers could be captured.</p>	Chris Lewington	2 nd Sept 2014	<p>Request sent to CL – 5th June 2014</p>

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3 rd June 2014	The Committee to give consideration to the invitation of community groups, partners and services users to present their views on key topics included in the Committee's Work Programme.	Georgina Atkinson / Chair & Spokes		COMPLETED – discussed at the Chair & Spokes meeting, 1 st August 2014, no further action required.
3 rd June 2014	That a written version of Nigel Minns' vision for the Learning and Achievement service be circulated to all elected members.	Nigel Minns	2 nd Sept 2014	Request sent to NM – 5th June 2014
3 rd June 2014	<p>Educational Provision:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Clarification on the reasons for the 20 per cent decrease in responses to the annual pupil survey in 2013. 2) Information on the County Council's 34 apprenticeship placements. 	Sarah Bradwell		<p>COMPLETED</p> <p>1) The survey was offered free to all schools, but is not compulsory for schools to take part in. Many undertake their own consultations/surveys with pupils and parents and tailor them to meet their own needs accordingly.</p> <p>The annual pupil survey was commissioned by the Children's Trust (CT) and when the need for each LA to have a CT became 'non statutory', priorities shifted away from the CT agenda, the survey has not been commissioned this year.</p> <p>2) For information this has now increased to 47 in total with 44 still with us working in the following areas of the council: Information Assets, Forestry (County wide), CFM Warwick, CFM Coleshill, Waste Projects, Trading Standards, Rural Services (Kingsbury</p>

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				Water Park), Business Support, Pension Services, HR Service Centre, Heritage & Culture, Transport and Highways, HR Business Partnership, Strategic Procurement,, Finance, Regeneration & Special Projects, Library and Information Service (Across all districts), Pension Services, Exchequer Services, Localities and Partnerships (North, East, Central & South), Physical Assets, Public Health, Targeted Youth Support, Service Development and Assurance, Payroll Services, Assets Strategy, Regeneration & Special Projects (Nuneaton), Customer Relations, Rural Services (Ryton Pools Country Park).
3 rd June 2014	<p>Priority Families Programme:</p> <p>1) Data regarding Priority Families in each electoral division be circulated,</p> <p>2) Information about the partnership event scheduled for 14th July 2014 be circulated, with an invitation for up to three members to attend.</p>	Nick Gower-Johnson	2 nd Sept 2014	<p>Request sent to NGJ – 5th June 2014</p> <p>1) Awaiting information.</p> <p>2) COMPLETED - Cllrs Williams, Parsons, Chilvers and Whitehouse attended the event.</p>
2 nd September 2014	<p>Questions to Cabinet and Portfolio Holders</p> <p>1) The C&YP OSC requested that further detail on the risk of CSE in Warwickshire be provided as a Briefing Note.</p> <p>2.) The Committee asked to be informed whether the CSE e-learning module was also available to</p>	Wendy Fabbro	4 th Nov 2014	<p>1) COMPLETED – Wendy Fabbro circulated a Briefing Note via e-mail to Members of the Committee on 8th September 2014.</p>

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	foster parents/carers.			
2 nd September 2014	<p>Children's Centre Providers</p> <p>1) The Committee requested Member involvement in the evaluation exercise regarding the commissioning process, which was scheduled for the end of September 2014.</p> <p>2) The Briefing Note provided on 11 August 2014 did not address the question raised by Cllr St John on 3rd June 2014, re: whether, and to what extent, the Social Value Fund had been considered as part of the procurement process.</p>	Chris Lewington	<p>By end of Sept 2014</p> <p>4 Nov 2014</p>	
2 nd September 2014	<p>Work Programme 2014/15</p> <p>1) The Committee note the arrangements for the Skills Show on 14th November 2014 and extend the invitation to all Members of the County Council</p>	Ben Patel-Sadler	4 th Nov 2014	
2 nd September 2014	<p>16-19 Year Old NEETs (Not in Education, Employment or Training)</p> <p>1) The Committee requested comparison data from previous years, re: numbers of young people identified as RONI in years seven and ten. A request was also made for the identification of which risk indicators were prevalent in certain areas of the county.</p> <p>2) The Committee requested data which would outline the correlation between the number of NEETs and unemployment rates for under-24</p>	Sarah Bradwell	4 th Nov 2014	1.) COMPLETED – Sarah Bradwell provided the information that was requested by Members in points 1.) and 2.). The information was circulated by BPS via an e-mail sent on 17.09.2014.

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	years.			
2 nd September 2014	<p>Academies and Free Schools Scrutiny Action Plan</p> <p>1) The Committee requested that the Portfolio Holder makes Cabinet aware of the delay in the implementation of the nine recommendations and asks Cabinet to provide assurances that the issue would be addressed</p>	Cllr Bob Stevens		
2 nd September 2014	<p>Draft Schools Sufficiency Strategy</p> <p>1) The Committee agreed to submit the following recommendation to Cabinet on 18th September 2014: <i>That Cabinet ensures that the consultation exercise for the draft Schools Sufficiency Strategy is well planned, robust and as inclusive as possible.</i></p>	June Maw	18 th Sept 2014	1.) COMPLETED – This was included in June Maw’s report to Cabinet for 18 September 2014