

## WORK PROGRAMME

ITEM 8

### CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Conservative	Independent	Labour	Non-aligned	Co-opted etc
1. Cllr M Revell (Vice Chair)		1. Cllr A Gaywood (Chair)		Church/governor reps. Not Council appointments
2. Cllr Coxshall		2. Cllr D Hale		
3. Cllr MacPherson		3. Cllr C Kent		
Substitutes		Substitutes	Substitutes	
1. Cllr Carr		1. Cllr W Curtis		
2. Cllr Maney		2.		
3. Cllr Nicklen		3.		

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Early Offer of Help Strategy <a href="#">CYPP Pillar 1.2.1</a>	Analysis of current best practice Analysis of evidence based practice in improving outcomes for children	Resource and policy changes mean a fundamental re-shaping of the service provided to date	CC properly located in an Early Intervention Strategy Resource more effectively targeted to achieve better outcomes for most needy children and families Thurrock Munro compliant	CL/Sue Green  <a href="#">Reported to CP Exec September, October &amp; December 2011</a>	Officer – new service development.	<b>COMPLETED</b> Agenda item December 2011
Children's Centre Consultation <a href="#">CYPP Pillar 1.2.1</a>		Decision being taken to Cabinet in November		CL/ Sue Green <a href="#">Reported to CP Exec November 2010 &amp; March 2011</a>	Officer – new service development.	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Munro Report <a href="#">CYPP Pillar 3.2.1 and 4.1.2</a>	Child protection			Head of Care & Targeted Outcomes <a href="#">Reported to CP Exec July 2011</a>	Officer- new statutory requirements.	<b>COMPLETED</b>
Budget Proposals <a href="#">CYPP Pillar 4.2.1</a>	Note – there are scrutiny budget			All plus Martin Hone <a href="#">Reported last year</a>	Officer- resource issues.	22.11.11 <b>COMPLETED</b>

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<a href="#">and 4.3.2</a>	meetings planned separately			<a href="#">to CP Exec September 2010</a>		<b>13.12.11</b>
VAWG Joint with health and community safety OSCs  <a href="#">CYPP Pillar 3.1.2</a>	National action plan, priority setting for Thurrock	This is a very broad and complex agenda, risk of hobby-horses and failing to tackle the biggest issues This needs all partner/system engagement	A local action plan owned by all stakeholders	BF	Officer- new statutory requirements.	Moved from February 2012 to 15 March 2012
CAMHS* <a href="#">CYPP Pillar 3.2.1</a>	Pattern of current service delivery Comparative analysis with best in class Options to strengthen provision across all tiers/need groups	Provision (with the exception of TAMHS) has not been well regarded and is provider led rather than commissioner led		BF NS/SMc	Officer- update on service delivery.	December 2011  <b>COMPLETED</b>
Governance (School Improvement) <a href="#">CYPP Pillar 1.1.1, 4.1.3 and 4.2.3</a>	Governance Strategy, implementation, TAG and shared support			CL	Officer- update on service delivery.	December 2011  <b>COMPLETED</b>
SEN <a href="#">CYPP Pillar 2.2.1</a>	New national policy direction Local SWAT Options locally	Local strategy needed Performance locally variable Cost pressures need to be managed effectively		CL  <a href="#">Reported to CP Exec February and September 2011</a>	Officer- new statutory requirements.	<b>TASK &amp; FINISH COMPLETED</b>  To re-convene when Green paper review released February 2012
Standards Early Years, Primary, Secondary**				CP/CL  Briefing note required in October	Officer- update on service delivery.	<b>COMPLETED</b> Briefing note requested re Benchmarking data

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<a href="#">CYPP Pillar 2.2.1, 2.2.2, and 2.2.3</a>				<a href="#">To be reported to CP Exec January 2012</a>		for comparison with neighbouring local authorities and & national results
Schools OFSTED gradings**  <a href="#">CYPP Pillar 1.1.1</a>	Progress schools causing concern	Satisfy members that LA intervention and support plans are making the accelerated difference needed to achieve the council's objective of every school a good school		CL  Briefing note required in October  <a href="#">To be reported to CP Exec January 2012</a>	Officer- update on service delivery.	COMPLETED Members requested full note of all Thurrock schools and their most current Ofsted & LA gradings
Alternative Models of Delivery <a href="#">CYPP Pillar 1.2.3, 2.2.1,</a>		Presenting report to Cabinet in January 2012	Test that proposals are robust and all options have been considered	Carmel Littleton <a href="#">Reported to CP Exec November 2010</a>	Officer- new service development	December 2011  Agenda item for next work programme post May 2012
Youth Offending Service** <a href="#">CYPP Pillar 3.1.3</a>	Progress against improvement plans Serious cases	Fulfilling safeguarding responsibility		JW/BF	Officer- update on service delivery.	December 2011 Briefing note to March 2012 meeting
Safeguarding and Child Protection** <a href="#">CYPP Pillar 3.2.1</a>	Progress against improvement plans Serious cases	Fulfilling safeguarding responsibility	Assurance threat the most vulnerable children in Thurrock are safeguarded	BF	Officer- update on service delivery.	1 February 2012
LSCB Annual Report <a href="#">CYPP Pillar 3.2.1</a>	Overview of safeguarding in Thurrock	Quality assurance to independently test practice in Thurrock	Assurance threat the most vulnerable children in Thurrock are safeguarded	BF <a href="#">Reported to CP Exec January 2012</a>	LSCB.	1 February 2012
Children in Care** <a href="#">CYPP Pillar 3.3.2 and 3.3.3</a>	Progress against improvement plans Serious cases	Fulfilling safeguarding responsibility	Assurance threat the most vulnerable children in Thurrock	BF	Officer- update on service delivery.	1 February 2012

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Review & Refresh CYPP*				JO Reported to CP Exec February 2012	Officer- update on strategic plan.	15 March 2012
Exclusion & Attendance CYPP Pillar 2.3.2	New national policy direction Local SWAT Options locally	Local strategy needed Performance locally variable Cost pressures need to be managed effectively		MT/CL Reported to CP Exec February 2012	Officer new statutory requirements.	15 March 2012
PRU and Alternative Provision (MT/CL) CYPP Pillar 2.2.3	New national policy direction Local SWAT Options locally	Local strategy needed Performance locally variable Cost pressures need to be managed effectively		CL/ BF  Briefing Note Reported to CP Exec July 2011	Officer new statutory requirements.	15 March 2012  & visit by Committee members to Primary & Secondary provisions to be arranged following next Ofsted monitoring visit
Early Offer of Help						15 March 2012

### TASK AND FINISH

#### **Admissions**

Joint T&F with Admissions Forum, dates to be fixed by CL; likely to be March/April 2012

#### **SEN – Green Paper review**

Task & Finish group to be reconvened to consider results from Green Paper review, likely to be after May 2012

#### **VAWG – local strategy**

Joint task & finish with Cleaner, Greener, Safer & Health & wellbeing O&S Chairs & Vice Chairs – likely to be after March 2012 dependant upon draft by Professor Liz Kelly

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