

CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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1. J Halden (V Chair)		1. D Hale (Chair)		1. Mr S Cray
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Substitutes		Substitutes	Substitutes	
1. S MacPherson		1. W Curtis		
2. J Redsell		2. A Kiely		

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Early Offer of Help strategy	The Early of Help strategy is a response to the report of Eileen Munroe in 2011, realigning services to ensure families at the brink of social care receive timely and effective services to prevent escalation	Councillors will need to satisfy themselves that the strategy will benefit the most vulnerable families and represents good value for money	Noting the strategy which has gone to June cabinet	Sue Green	Carmel Littleton	July
The future role of the LA in relation to education	The future shape of the LA's role in education will be determined partly by statutory responsibilities and partly by local discretion. Thurrock	Scrutiny committee will want to endorse and debate a coherent future role for the LA which maximises attainment and opportunities	Endorsement of an approach and an informed comparison with other possible approaches	Carmel Littleton	Carmel Littleton	July

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	will need to ensure it is well placed to ensure local children and students are attaining highly and benefitting from local opportunities					
Pupil place planning	The council has a statutory duty to ensure there are sufficient good school places available. Alongside this the presumption of free schools and academies means that there may be an over supply of places in some areas	Scrutiny committee will want to ensure pupils and families are benefitting from a well planned local offer which puts a good education within the reach of all and is good value	Agreement of a draft local policy and a cycle of future annual reports	Carmel Littleton	Carmel Littleton (officer)	October
Capital programme update	A review of education capital building works	Scrutiny will want to hear of successfully completed projects, and progress reports on others in train	For noting and scrutiny of value for money	Janet Clarke	Carmel Littleton	September
School results – KS1, 2, 4 and post 16	Draft school and post 16 provider level results are published between June and August, with further analysis	Scrutiny committee will want to analyse local patterns of attainment, ensure good progress is being made and	For noting the results and agreement to any actions to accelerate progress in underperforming	Christina Pumfrey	Carmel Littleton (officer)	October (draft results) January (final benchmarked results)

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	available in October and January against national benchmarks.	that priority areas are being addressed	areas.			
Child Care Sufficiency				Sue Green	Sue Green	December
Review of service for disabled children	Structure and design of service delivery for disabled children	Members to scrutinise and advise as these are statutory duties	Service design agreed	Clare Moore	Barbara Foster	May
VAWG Strategy	Local strategy to complement national strategy	Member endorsement and progress to other committees	Endorsement and progress through the Council	Barbara Foster	Barbara Foster	May
YOS Inspection	Results of Inspection and Action Plan	Members to scrutinise and advise as these are statutory duties	Members aware of service performance	James Waud	Barbara Foster	May
Adoption Service Inspection	Results of Inspection Action Plan	Members to scrutinise and advise as these are statutory duties	Members aware of service performance	Roland Minto	Barbara Foster	May
Troubled Families	New national government project which accrues local funding	High level of financial support and potentially high benefits for children and the community	Noting progress	David Sturgess	Barbara Foster	May

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Fostering Service Inspection	Results of inspection	As advised	As advised	Roland Minto	Barbara Foster	To be decided
Safeguarding & LAC Inspection	Results of Inspection	As advised	As advised	Barbara Foster	Barbara Foster	To be decided
Looked After Children Report	Statutory Duties	Members to be assured that service is on track and meeting standards	As advised	Barbara Foster	Barbara Foster	To be decided
Child Protection Report	Statutory Duties	Members to be assured that service is on track and meeting standards	As advised	Barbara Foster	Barbara Foster	To be decided
LSCB Annual Report	Statutory Duties	As above	As advised	Dave Peplow	Barbara Foster	To be decided
YOS Annual Report	Statutory Duties	As above	As advised	James Waud	Barbara Foster	To be decided