

WORK PROGRAMME

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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Conservative	Independent	Labour	Non-aligned	Co-opted etc
1. J Halden (V Chair)		1. D Hale (Chair)		1. Mr S Cray
2. S Little		2. C Curtis		2. Mr A McPherson
		3. C Baldwin		3. Vacant
		4. C Kent		4. Mrs P Wilson
Substitutes		Substitutes	Substitutes	
1. S MacPherson		1. W Curtis		
2. J Redsell		2. A Kiely		

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Early Offer of Help strategy Everyone succeeding & protection when needed	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	3 July 2012 COMPLETED
The future role of the LA in relation to education Excellent services & Lean and fit	The future shape of the LA's role in education will be determined partly by statutory responsibilities and	Scrutiny committee will want to endorse and debate a coherent future role for the LA which maximises	Endorsement of an approach and an informed comparison with other possible approaches	Carmel Littleton	Carmel Littleton	3 July 2012 COMPLETED

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	partly by local discretion. Thurrock will need to ensure it is well placed to ensure local children and students are attaining highly and benefitting from local opportunities	attainment and opportunities				
VAWG Strategy Everyone Succeeding & Protection when needed	Local strategy to complement national strategy	Member endorsement and progress to other committees	Endorsement and progress through the Council	Barbara Foster	Barbara Foster	3 July 2012 COMPLETED
School results – KS1, 2, 4 and post 16 Excellent services	Draft school and post 16 provider level results are published between June and August, with further analysis available in October and January against national benchmarks.	Scrutiny committee will want to analyse local patterns of attainment, ensure good progress is being made and that priority areas are being addressed	For noting the results and consideration of actions to accelerate progress in underperforming areas.	Vivien Cutler	Carmel Littleton	9 October 2012 *full and final benchmarked results not available until January COMPLETED
Pupil place planning Lean and fit	The council has a statutory duty to ensure there are sufficient good school places available. Alongside this the presumption	Scrutiny committee will want to ensure pupils and families are benefitting from a well planned local offer which puts a good education	Agreement of a draft local policy and a cycle of future annual reports	Carmel Littleton	Carmel Littleton (officer)	9 October 2012 COMPLETED

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	of free schools and academies means that there may be an over supply of places in some areas	within the reach of all and is good value				
Safeguarding & LAC Inspection Protection when needed	Scrutiny of progress on action plan to implement recommendations	Members must be satisfied that timely and sufficient progress is being made against the recommendations in the Ofsted report	Members satisfied with progress	Barbara Foster	Barbara Foster	9 October 2012 COMPLETED
Adoption Service Inspection Protection when needed	Progress on implementation of Inspection Action Plan	Statutory duties	Members satisfied with progress	Roland Minto	Barbara Foster	9 October 2012 COMPLETED
STAR CHAMBER Proposed savings and growth in Children's Services						8.11.12 COMPLETED
HWB Strategy CYPPlan	3 year strategic direction for children	Members must ensure sufficient strategic focus on children's issues and ensure the	Members shape strategic direction	Ceri Armstrong	Jo Olsson	11 December 2012 COMPLETED

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		agenda is not overwhelmed by adults issues				
YOS Annual Report Protection when needed	Statutory Duties	As above	As advised	James Waud	Barbara Foster	11 December 2012 COMPLETED
Troubled Families Update (<i>briefing note</i>) Everyone succeeding & protection when needed	New national government project which accrues local funding	High level of financial support and potentially high benefits for children and the community	Members satisfied with progress	David Sturgess	Barbara Foster	11 December 2012 COMPLETED
Capital programme update (<i>briefing note</i>) Lean and fit	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	11 December 2012 CIRCULATED
Review of service for disabled children Everyone succeeding & protection when needed	Structure and design of service delivery for disabled children	Members to help shape the future service testing effectiveness of partnership work, and involvement of service users	Service design agreed	Clare Moore	Barbara Foster	11 December 2012 COMPLETED
Looked After Children (<i>briefing note</i>)	Statutory Duties	Members to receive assurance from Corporate Parenting Committee	Members satisfied with progress	Barbara Foster	Barbara Foster	11 December 2012 COMPLETED

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Protection when needed						
Child Protection Report Protection when needed	Statutory Duties	Members to be assured that service is on track and meeting standards	Members satisfied with progress	Barbara Foster	Barbara Foster	29 January 2012 COMPLETED
LSCB Annual Report Protection when needed	Statutory Duties	As above	As above	Dave Peplow	Barbara Foster	29 January 2012 COMPLETED
<i>BUDGET PROPOSALS</i>						29 January 2012 COMPLETED
Results Update? <i>briefing note?</i>				Vivien Cutler	Carmel Littleton	29 January 2012
SHARED SERVICES FOR CHILDREN					Jo Olsson	20 March 2013
Early Offer of Help incl Troubled Families					Barbara Foster	20 March 2013
Community Hubs					Jo Olsson	20 March 2013

