

Children's Services Scrutiny Committee – Future programme

Standing items for all committees:

- Council Plan quarterly monitoring (except September committees)
- Forward plan of key decisions to be made by lead cabinet members
- Future programme for scrutiny committee meetings

Subject / title of report	Key issues	Contact (progress)
15 September 2005		
Annual report on complaints	To consider possible scrutiny activities suggested by summary of annual complaints.	Andrew Ogden
14 – 19 curriculum – position paper	To assess the education and outcomes for pupils in terms of attainment and prospects for continuing education.	
Permanently excluded pupils – progress report	The support offered by the LEA in terms of behaviour management and alternative provision. This has been identified as an area of concern and has been investigated by two BVPI project boards.	
BVPIs 38 and 39 – report from Education Standards Panel	The BVPI challenge board in February identified targets against these BVPIs as being in need of scrutiny and resolved to ask the panel to scrutinise them in June.	Penny Gaunt
Report of BVPI performance project board	If board is established by June committee - To report findings and recommendations regarding performance against critical best value performance indicators (BVPIs)	SLO
24 November 2005		
School improvement service	Update report on departmental monitoring of the contract with CfBT and evaluation of the service in preparation for letting a new contract.	Mary Hayler
Anti-bullying strategy – progress report	A new strategy was implemented in Jan 2005. A scrutiny review was scoped in Spring 04 but delayed, with a recommendation to reconsider the strategy and its outcomes a year after	

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	implementation.	
Educational attainment / prospects of looked after children (LAC)	This has previously been identified as an area of concern and has been investigated by a BVPI project board. A best value review of children in public care was completed in Dec 2002. The attainment results will be available in November 2005.	
BVPIs target setting for 2006/07	To consider whether to form a project board for in-depth scrutiny of the targets the department has set for next year's BVPIs.	Mary Hayler
March 2006		
June 2006		
Six term year evaluation	The organisation of the school year into six terms will begin in the academic year 2005/06 (ie Sept 2005). Committee agreed in Sept 2004 to propose scrutiny of the process of evaluation and review of the pattern of the school year at an appropriate time in 2006.	Steve Marsh