

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
- Children's Trust governance arrangements

Subject / title of report	Key issues	Contact (progress)
15 September 2005		
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.	Nathan Caine
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
Reconciling Policy and resources – part 1	Overview of the process. Initial observations and comments to Cabinet	
24 November 2005		
Children's Services Department and Children's Trust	Submission of further proposals with regard to the Children's Services Department and the Children's Trust	Matt Dunkley
School improvement service	Update report on departmental monitoring of the contract with CfBT and performance of the service.	
Reconciling Policy & Resources – part 2	Detailed proformas for discussion highlighting key issues and likely impacts. In particular examining how and to what extent the Part 1 comments have been addressed.	
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 implementation.	

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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.	
14 – 19 curriculum – position paper	To assess the education and outcomes for pupils in terms of attainment and prospects for continuing education	
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