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

March 2006		
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.	
Progress & Evaluation report on the Educational attainment / prospects of looked after children (LAC)	A best value review of children in public care was completed in Dec 2002 and reported to the Audit & Best Value Scrutiny Committee. Ongoing monitoring now carried out by Corporate Parenting Panel. The attainment results for LAC are available in November 2005.	
14 – 19 curriculum – position paper	Suggested at a review topic at Education & Libraries committee in March 2005. Review could investigate the additional education (excluding the prescribed curriculum) provided to pupils and the outcomes for pupils in terms of attainment and prospects for continuing education. Committee agreed to have position paper to future meeting (initially listed as Sep 05)	
Special Educational Needs – Progress Report on Departmental Review	Two representatives from the Committee were nominated to sit on this project board in June 2005. Update on progress to date with the review	
Behaviour Management and Alternate Provision for Excluded Pupils	Progress report with regard to the scope and variety of behaviour support provided to schools in supporting those pupils at risk of exclusion and the improvements made in securing provision for permanently excluded pupils within stipulated timeframes	Bernadine Bacon
Direct Payments	Inform committee how direct payments in respect of children are dealt with	
Centrally Managed School Meals Service in East Sussex	Review the provision of support to schools regarding food and health related issues	Jane Carter

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