

Children's Services Scrutiny Committee – Future programme

Standing items for committee:
 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
15th June 2006		
Centrally managed school meals service in East Sussex	Update since the presentation of a report in June 2005 and a briefing ready for a visit to schools	Jane Carter
Discussion on visits to CS establishments	Information for members on suitable places to visit	Gillian Mauger
Future Scrutiny Review	Discussion on possible areas for a review. Agree topic and membership of the project board	Gillian Mauger
6th July		
Co-opted member training session	session from 10am to 12 noon - presentation from Children's Services - discussion on the role of co-opted members	Gillian Mauger
July/August 2006		
Committee away day	Committee to spend half a day outside of a formal committee setting looking at and discussing such things as: - the work of the committee to date (what has been done well, what has been learnt for the future) - what the committee wants to do in the forthcoming year - carry out a skills audit - training session (eg. questioning techniques, how to carry out a review) or a presentation from the department on a particular issue	Gillian Mauger

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26th September 2006		
Presentation prior to meeting: Anti-bullying strategy OR Presentation on the use of value added targets	A new strategy was implemented in Jan 2005. Presentation on the work that has been carried out and examples of good practice Area where members would benefit from some training	John Khan Martin Kaliszewski
Home to school Transport Review	Final Report	Review board
Departmental reviews: Behaviour Management and Alternate Provision for Excluded Pupils & SEN review	Report to the committee on the outcomes from the two departmental reviews. (Two representatives from the SC committee - Cllr St Pierre & Kramer, were nominated to sit on the SEN project board in June 2005.)	Bernadine Bacon & Jean Haigh
Review of performance figures	update on performance following on from BVPI board in February – BVPI 163 (adoption), 221a & 221b (young people qualifications)	(Anna Mutter)
Safeguarding children: Business plan and annual report for Local Safeguarding Children Board + update on Duty and Assessment teams	The Local safeguarding children Board replaced the ACPC. Regular monitoring of duty & assessment teams is taking place following a recommendation of CSCl	Fiona Johnson
28th November 2006		
Children's Centres	Look at how the NCH is managing these (visit prior to the meeting?) Requested at March 2006 meeting	
Annual Performance Assessment (APA) (results if available, if not the departments self assessment)	Assessment being carried out in the summer of the department requested at March 2006 meeting	Matt Dunkley
Scrutiny Review - School Admissions	six month update on action plan	Geoff Evans
Scrutiny Review – School Improvement Service	Six month update on action plan	Penny Gaunt

March 2007		
June 2007		
Scrutiny Review - Home to School Transport	six month update on action plan	Geoff Evans
Scrutiny Review - School Admissions	Twelve month update on action plan	Geoff Evans
Scrutiny Review – School Improvement Service	Twelve month update on action plan	Penny Gaunt
September 2007		
Local Safeguarding Children Board – annual report	The Local safeguarding children Board replaced the ACPC.	Fiona Johnson

Future items to consider		
Extended schools	Requested at March 2006 meeting	
Six term year evaluation	The organisation of the school year into six terms began in the academic year 2005/06 (i.e. Sept 2005). Committee agreed in Sept 2004 to review of the pattern of the school year at an appropriate time	
14 – 19 strategy	Strategy revised (mid 2006) with publication in Nov/Dec 2006. Consider this once the 2007 exam results are known	Penny Gaunt
Provision of education for young learners outside of Sure Start	consider whether they are meeting the needs of the children Requested at March 2006 meeting	