

### Children's Services Scrutiny Committee – Future programme

**Standard items presented to each committee meeting:**

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
<b>28<sup>th</sup> November 2006</b>		
Annual Performance Assessment (APA)	Assessment carried out of the department in the summer (If results are not available the report will discuss the department's self assessment) <i>(requested at March 2006 meeting)</i>	Matt Dunkley
Presentation on the corporate parenting role of ESCC  <i>Presentation open to all councillors – 10.30am until 11.30am</i>	Presentation on the Green Paper "Care Matters: transforming the lives of children and young people in care" and what impact it will have on how ESCC executes its corporate parenting role in the future <i>(requested at June 2006 meeting)</i>	Matt Dunkley
RPR report		
Scrutiny Review - School Admissions	Six month update on the action plan	Geoff Evans
Scrutiny Review – School Improvement Service	Six month update on the action plan	Penny Gaunt
Improving scrutiny	Report from the scrutiny team on ways in which to improve the scrutiny process in the future. Discussion with members with the feedback to the next Chairmen's meeting	Gillian Mauger

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<b>13<sup>th</sup> December</b>		
Reconciling Policy and Resources	Special meeting for members of the committee to consider the three year plan and allocation of the CS budget	Matt Dunkley
<b>January 2007</b>		
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<b>March 2007</b>		
Children's Centres	Look at how the concept of the centres and the work that is carried out by them. <i>(requested at March 2006 meeting)</i>	
Update on Anti Bullying Strategy	A new strategy was implemented in January 2005. Presentation on the work that has been carried out to date and examples of good practice	John Khan
Review of Information, Advice and Guidance for young people and Connexions contracts	A strategy for the provision of IAG, and the allocation of resources transferred from Connexions went to Cabinet in December 2006 – report to provide a broad outline of what these changes will mean to the service	
<b>June 2007</b>		
Youth Development Service	Update on the impact that the restructure has had on this service <i>(requested at June 2006 meeting)</i>	
Scrutiny Review - Home to School Transport	Six month update on action plan	Geoff Evans

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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
<b>September 2007</b>		
SEN annual report	Update on the progress made with initiatives developed as a result of the SEN review <i>(requested at September 2006 meeting)</i>	
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Local Safeguarding Children Board - annual report, business plan and update report	Update on work of the Board during the past year <i>(requested at September 2006 meeting)</i>	Fiona Johnson

<b>Future items to consider including in the programme at a later date</b>		
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Extended schools	Requested at March 2006 meeting	
Six term year evaluation	The six term year began in 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)	
Review of Behaviour Support	Update on initiatives that came out of this review <i>(The recommendations of this were agreed by lead member on 5<sup>th</sup> September)</i>	Bernadine Bacon

<b>Areas to be considered as a future review</b>
Youth development service <i>(consider this further when report on this is brought to the committee)</i>
Children's Centres - consider the management of some centres by The Nation Children's Home – how successful is this?