

Work programme for Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

Future work at a glance

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Items that appear regularly at committee	
The Council's Forward Plan	<p>The latest version of the Council's Forward Plan is included on each scrutiny committee agenda. The Forward Plan lists all the key County Council decisions that are to be taken within the next few months together with contact information to find out more. It is updated monthly.</p> <p>The purpose of doing this is to help committee Members identify important issues for more detailed scrutiny <i>before</i> key decisions are taken. This has proved to be significantly more effective than challenging a decision once it has been taken. As a last resort, the call-in procedure is available if scrutiny Members think a Cabinet or Lead Member decision has been taken incorrectly.</p> <p>Requests for further information about individual items on the Forward Plan should be addressed to the listed contact. Possible scrutiny issues should be raised with the scrutiny team or committee Chairman, ideally before a scrutiny committee meeting.</p>
Committee work programme	<p>This provides an opportunity for the committee to review the scrutiny work programme for future meetings and to highlight any additional issues they wish to add to the programme.</p>

Future Committee agenda items		Author
21 September 2015		
THRIVE Programme	An evaluation report at the end of year three of the THRIVE Programme, including performance against agreed targets, financial impacts and the transition plan for the end of the programme.	Stuart Gallimore, Director of Children's Services, Liz Rugg, Assistant Director, Safeguarding, LAC and Youth Justice
Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) Annual Report	Presentation of the annual report of the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB).	Reg Hooke, Independent Chair Local Safeguarding Children Board, Liz Rugg, Assistant Director, Safeguarding, LAC and Youth Justice
Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources 2015/16	The Committee will start looking at departmental portfolio plans and budget setting process for the 2016/17 financial year and beyond.	Becky Shaw, Chief Executive; Stuart Gallimore, Director of Children's Services; Jane Mackney, Head of Policy and Performance
Annual Review of Safer Communities Performance	An update for the Committee on performance in relation to safer communities in 2014/15 and the priorities and issues for 2015/16 highlighted in the Partnership Business Plan, focusing on Domestic Abuse, Prevent and Youth Offending Team.	Stuart Gallimore, Director of Children's Services
CAMHs Position Statement	Position statement examining how Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) in the County may benefit from the announced changes in the funding for children's mental health.	Stuart Gallimore, Director of Children's Services
23 November 2015		
Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources 2015/16	The Committee will start looking at departmental portfolio plans and budget setting process for the 2016/17 financial year and beyond.	Becky Shaw, Chief Executive; Stuart Gallimore, Director of Children's

		Services; Jane Mackney, Head of Policy and Performance
Care Leavers	A report to update the Committee on the progress being made to improve educational outcomes for care leavers following the Ofsted inspection of Children's Social Care in January 2014.	Liz Rugg, Assistant Director, Safeguarding, LAC and Youth Justice, Stuart Gallimore, Director of Children's Services
Early Years Attainment Update	Update on progress relating to the Review Board's recommendations relating to the attainment at the Early Year Foundation Stage.	Stuart Gallimore, Director of Children's Services, Fiona Wright, Assistant Director (Education & ISEND)
Scrutiny Review of Raising the Participation Age (RPA)	To receive the final report of the Raising Participation Age Review Board.	Stuart Gallimore, Director of Children's Services
21 March 2016		
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27 June 2016		
Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) Serious Case Review	A report outlining the findings and outcomes of the Serious Case Reviews undertaken by the LSCB during 2014/15.	Reg Hooke, Independent Chair Local Safeguarding Children Board, Liz Rugg, Assistant Director, Safeguarding, LAC and Youth Justice

Background / information reports available to the Committee (Items in this list appear on committee agendas when proposed for scrutiny)		Date available
Performance monitoring	Performance monitoring is an integral part of scrutiny. The committee is alerted to the relevant quarterly reports that Cabinet and lead Members receive. Members can then suggest matters for scrutiny to investigate in more detail.	Every quarter
	<p>In the performance reports, achievement against individual performance targets is assessed as either 'Red', 'Amber' or 'Green' ('RAG'):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Green' means that the performance measure is on target to be achieved • 'Amber' means that there is concern about the likelihood of achieving the performance measure by the end of the year • 'Red' means that the performance measure is assessed as inappropriate or unachievable. <p>Requests for further information about individual items in the performance reports should be addressed to the listed contact. Possible scrutiny issues should be raised with the scrutiny team or committee Chairman.</p>	Every quarter

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