

UPDATE ON WORK PROGRAMME: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OSC –
16 March 2010

It was agreed by the Scrutiny Chairs Group in September 2008 to use the following reports to monitor the work programme for each Scrutiny Committee. The last item on each Scrutiny Committee agenda should be 'Review of the Committee Work Programme'.

Report 1 - Monitoring Report for Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

This report will list all items that have been selected by the Committee for inclusion on the work programme for the current year.

For each item on the work programme, the report will give a description, an indication of how the item will be dealt with, a relative timescale for the work and brief comments on progress.

Report 2 - Suggestions for Additions to Work Programme

The Work Programme for the Committee should be reviewed at each meeting. This will include members having the opportunity to ask for new Items to be added to the programme. This report will list any newly suggested items. Committee will then have the opportunity to agree (or not) for them to be added to the programme.

Report 3 - Proposed Outline Meeting Schedule for the Municipal Year

The report will, for each scheduled Committee meeting, list those items which are likely to be on the meeting agenda. This will give the opportunity for Committee members to take a greater lead in organising their work programme.

Report 4 - Progress Report on In-Depth Panel Reviews

This report will give a very brief update on progress / timescales for in-depth panel reviews which are in the 'ownership' of the Committee.

REPORT 1
MONITORING REPORT FOR SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK
PROGRAMME
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 2009 / 2010

Date of New item	Topic Description	How the topic will be dealt with	Estimated Complete Date	Comments on Progress	Complete/ Review date
2006	Report on the Support Given to Schools Pre- and Post-Ofsted Inspections	Panel Review		Final Report produced April 2007. Implementation of recommendations to be monitored by Standards sub-committee.	Complete
2006	Fostering Service Review	Panel Review		Final Report produced March 2008. Report discussed by Cabinet on 10th December. Implementation of recommendations to be monitored at a later date.	Review /update January 2010
Oct 2007	Youth Outreach Review	Panel Review	Report agreed Nov 2008	Final Report to Scrutiny Committee on 11th Nov. Report discussed by Cabinet on 10th December 08.	16 March 2010
July 2008	Update on Special Schools	Officer reports		Report to Committee 11th Nov. OSC members to visit schools.	
July 2008	Transition from Children's to Adult Social Services	Officer Report		Report to Committee 16th March. Item deferred until meeting in June 2009	June 2010
July 2008	NEET rates - in particular, what has been the impact of specific projects aimed at NEETs?	Officer Report		Report to Committee 13th Jan 2009. OSC to receive further report on preventative measure at key stage 4 and Knowsley apprentice programme	
July 2008	Behavioural Issues and Exclusions	Officer Report		Report noted at OSC – 11 Nov 08	

July 2008	School Funding	To be agreed		Notice has been given that the Committee intend to scrutinize School Funding during the 2009 / 10 municipal year.	
Oct 2008	Wirral Music Service	Officer Report		Committee requested a further report during a budget savings debate on the Wirral Music Service on 28.10.08. At OSC on 13.01.09 a request for further statistics was made. An Annual report has been requested.	16 March 2010
Nov 2008	Early Years Education	Officer Report		Item requested by Sheila Clarke (11th Nov meeting). Report noted at OSC 16.3.09	Complete
Nov 2008	Private Fostering	Officer report		Item discussed by OSC on 11th Nov 2008. Members requested another report in one year's time. As a result of the Ofsted Annual Performance Letter, it was agreed on 13/01/09 that a report would be produced for the March meeting.	January 2010
Nov 2008	Wirral Adoption Service	Officer Report		Item discussed by OSC on 11th Nov 2008. Further reports to be produced on the Adoption service in the future, including Special Guardianship .	June 2010
Jan 2009	Teenage Pregnancy	Panel Review		Item requested by Sheila Clarke (13 th Jan meeting). The OSC meeting on 16/03/09 agreed to receive an officer report at the June meeting. (A similar report will go to Cabinet on 09/04/09).	January 2010
Jan 2009	Child protection – STATUTORY ANNUAL Safeguarding REPORT	Officer report		As a result of the verbal report on 'The Impact of the Baby P Case' given by Howard Cooper (13/01/09), it was agreed that a further update report would be produced in the future.	June 2010

March 2009	Proposed Children in Care Council	Officer report		A future progress report will be produced on the Children in Care Council (CCC) and reps from CCC are to be invited in 12 months time	16 March 09
	Aiming High	Officer report		Officer report presented at Sept 09 OSC – Committee a further report in the future with an invitation to parents.	June 2010
	Members visit to Eddison Learning in Essex	Report by Cllr Harney		Members report to OSC on 17.9.09	Complete
	LINK Forum review of Procurement process for Parenting and Prevention Commissioning			Officer report	
	Members visit to Children Homes	Issue discussed at 02.06.09		Lead officer presented options for member visits at OSC 17.09.09 – Future Member visits to submitted to OSC for information.	Complete

REPORT 2

SUGGESTIONS FOR ADDITIONS TO WORK PROGRAMME

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 16/03/10

Topic Description	Topic suggested by	How the topic will be dealt with	Estimated Completion Date
The identification of deprivation and the impact on learning outcomes	Cllr Harney and supported by OSC meeting on 16/03/09	Consider for inclusion on the work programme for the 2009/10 municipal year	
Impact of alcohol on children	Cllr Doyle and supported by OSC meeting on 16/03/09	Possible joint scrutiny work with Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee	
Surplus in school budgets (held by some schools)	Cllr Smith	Consider for inclusion on the work programme for the 2009/10 municipal year	
One to one tuition			
LINK Forum review of the Procurement process for Parenting and Prevention Commissioning.	Agreed by the Children Services OSC meeting to discuss Call-In on 20/04/09	A report will be presented to a future meeting –	
Children's Centres	Cllr Doyle	Proposed at 17.09.09 OSC – poss panel review	
Young People and Community Safety	Cllr Clarke Supported by OSC – 16.11.09	Poss. Joint review with Sustainable Communities OSC.	

REPORT 3

PROPOSED OUTLINE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 16/03/10

Meeting Date	Topic Description
16 March 2010	Youth Outreach (Scrutiny panel review 09/10) – Recommendations progress report
	Children in Care Council – Officer progress report and CCC representatives to attend
	0-19 Commissioning (Call-in by Wirral Parent Partnership Organisation)
	Officers visits to care homes – officer report
	Music Service – Officer report
	Q3 performance monitoring – Officer report
	Q3 Financial monitoring – Officer report

Meeting Date	Topic Description
June 2010	Transition from Children to Adults – Officer Report
	Safeguarding (Child Protection) – Annual Officer Report
	Extended Schools – officer report
	Aiming High – officer progress report
	Adoption Service – 6mthly/Annual report

Meeting Date	Topic Description
Sept 2010	Parenting and Family support strategy (“Think Family”) – final version report

REPORT 4

PROGRESS REPORT ON IN-DEPTH PANEL REVIEWS

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 16/03/10

Title of Review	Members of Panel	Progress to Date	Date Due to report to Committee
Literacy Levels at Key Stage 2	Sheila Clarke (chair) Frank Doyle Tony Smith	<p>Draft scope agreed at OSC meeting on 11th Nov. Data gathering has commenced. Visits to three primary schools have taken place; one further visit is due to take place later in March. 'Interviews' with key officers have also commenced; others are due to take place during March / April. Report finalised during July/August 09. Report presented to 21 Jan 2010 OSC</p> <p>Recommendations supported by OSC Report to be presented to Cabinet Outcomes of recommendations report be presented to OSC in due course.</p>	21 Jan 2010
"Narrowing the gap" – Impact of deprivation funding review	Shelia Clarke (Chair) Frank Doyle Tony Smith Tom Harney Cherry Povall Paul Hayes	<p>Draft scope agreed 17.09.09. Initial Review panel meeting held Nov 09. First round of school meetings – Jan 2010 Further school meetings – 24 Feb 2010</p>	