

**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**

| <b>Date of New item</b> | <b>Topic Description</b>  | <b>How the topic will be dealt with</b> | <b>Estimated Complete Date</b> | <b>Comments on Progress</b>  | <b>Complete/ Review date</b> |
|-------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| 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  |                              |

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| 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 <b>Special Guardianship</b> .  | June 2010     |
| Jan 2009  | Teenage Pregnancy                                       | Panel Review   |  | Item requested by Sheila Clarke (13 <sup>th</sup> Jan meeting).<br>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     |

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| 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    |
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# 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 |
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| 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.                        |                           |
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## 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  |
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| 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                                       |
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| 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                 |
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| Meeting Date | Topic Description   |
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| Sept 2010    | Parenting and Family support strategy (“Think Family”) – final version report |
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# 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)<br>Frank Doyle<br>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<br/>Report to be presented to Cabinet<br/>Outcomes of recommendations report be presented to OSC in due course.</p> | 21 Jan 2010<br><br>COMPLETED    |
| "Narrowing the gap" – Impact of deprivation funding review | Shelia Clarke (Chair)<br>Frank Doyle<br>Tony Smith<br>Tom Harney<br>Cherry Povall<br>Paul Hayes | <p>Draft scope agreed 17.09.09.<br/>Initial Review panel meeting held Nov 09.<br/>First round of school meetings – Jan 2010<br/>Further school meetings – 24 Feb 2010</p>   |                                 |
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