

UPDATE ON WORK PROGRAM : CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OSC – 17/09/09

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 5 - Completed Scrutiny Committee Work

This report will show completion of panel reviews and requested officer reports and subsequent decision on monitoring requirements.

REPORT 1

MONITORING REPORT FOR SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE : 2009 / 2010

Date of New item	Topic Description	How the topic will be dealt with	Estimated Complete Date	Comments on Progress	Committee date
July 2008	Committee Structure and Governance Arrangements in Children's Services	To be agreed	On hold	Report being produced to detail all committees / panels / working parties / outside bodies for Children's Services. On hold – Director to advise (as at July 09)	
July 2008	Literacy Levels in schools at the end of Key Stage 2	Panel Review	Final report due Nov 2009	Draft scope form agreed by Committee on 11th Nov. Data gathering has commenced with visits to schools.	16 Nov 2009
July 2008	"Narrowing the Gap" – Impact of deprivation funding review	Panel Review		Draft scope to be presented to 17 Sept 2009 cttee	17 Sept 2009
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).	16 Nov 2009

REPORT 2

SUGGESTIONS FOR ADDITIONS TO WORK PROGRAMME

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE : 17/09/09

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	Tom 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	Frank 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)	Tony Smith	Consider for inclusion on the work programme for the 2009/10 municipal year	
One to one tuition			
Members visits to Children Homes	Issue discussed at OSC on 02/06/09	Lead officer to present full range of options for member visit to OSC Sept 09	17 Sept 09
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 – poss 21 Jan 2010	21 Jan 2010
Members visit to Eddison Learning in Essex	Tom Harney at OSC on 02/06/09	Member's report to OSC meeting on 17/09/09	17 Sept 09
Special Needs	Tom Harney at OSC on 02/06/09		
Aiming High for Disabled Children	Tony Smith at OSC on 02/06/09	Officer report to OSC meeting on 17/09/09	17 Sept 09

REPORT 3

PROPOSED OUTLINE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 17/09/09

Meeting Date	Topic Description
17 Sept 2009	“Narrowing the gap” impact of deprivation funding review - draft scope to be agreed
	Performance monitoring – Officer report
	Financial monitoring – Officer report
	Complaints - Officer report
	School standards – headline results – Officer report
	Aiming High for Disabled children – Officer report
	Member visits to children’s home – Officer report
	Music service – Officer report
	YAPSAC – proposed standing item (Officer report)-
	Cllr Harney – report on Eddison Learning
Meeting Date	Topic Description
16 Nov 2009	Literacy Levels (Scrutiny Panel review 09/10) – final report
	Special Guardianship – Officer report
	Private Fostering - Officer report
	Wirral Adoption Service – Recommendations progress report
	Fostering Service Review (Scrutiny Panel review 06/07)– Recommendations progress report
	Teenage Pregnancy – Officer report
	Crime and Young People Report – STATUTORY
	YAPSAC – Officer Report

Meeting Date	Topic Description
21 Jan 2010	Committee Structure and Guidance
	LINK Forum – commissioning process – Peter Edmonson
	Parenting Strategy – Officer report
	Transition from children’s to Adult Social Services – Officer progress report
	YAPSAC – Officer progress report

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
	YAPSAC
	Performance monitoring - report
	Financial monitoring – report

REPORT 4

PROGRESS REPORT ON IN-DEPTH PANEL REVIEWS

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 17/09/09

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	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	16 th November 09
"Narrowing the gap" – Impact of deprivation funding review	Shelia Clarke (Chair) Frank Doyle Tony Smith	Draft scope to be presented at 17 Sept 09 scrutiny cttee	

REPORT 5

COMPLETED SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Completion	Topic Description	Type of review	Progress on recommendations/outcomes	Progress review - committee 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.	
2006	Fostering Service Review	Panel Review	Final Report produced March 2008. Report discussed by Cabinet on 10th December. Implementation of recommendations to be monitored	16 Nov 2009
Oct 2007	Youth Outreach Review	Panel Review	Final Report to Scrutiny Committee on 11th Nov. Report discussed by Cabinet on 10th December 2008.	16 March 2010
July 2008	Update on Special Schools	Officer reports	Report to Committee 11th Nov 2008 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 21 Jan 2010	21 Jan 2010
July 2008	NEET rates (Not in education, employment or training) - 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 - 11th Nov 08	
Oct 2008	Wirral Music Service	Officer Report	Committee requested a further report during a budget savings debate on the Wirral Music Service 28.10.08 – At 13.1.09 OSC a request for further statistics was made. Annual Report	17 Sept 2009
Nov 2008	Early Years Education	Officer Report	Item requested by Sheila Clarke (11th Nov meeting). Report noted at OSC 16.3.09	

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.	16 Nov 2009
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 .	16 Nov 2009 16 Nov 2009
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).	16 Nov 2009
Jan 2009	Child protection STATUTORY	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.	
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 2010