

Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

Date:	Friday, 20th January, 2017
Time:	2.00 pm
Venue:	Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

The agenda is divided into 2 parts. Part 1 is taken in the presence of the public and press. Part 2 items will be considered in the absence of the public and press for the reasons indicated on the agenda and in the report.

It should be noted that Part 1 items of Cheshire East Council decision making and Overview and Scrutiny meetings are audio recorded and the recordings will be uploaded to the Council's website

PART 1 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT

1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Minutes of Previous meeting** (Pages 3 - 6)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 19 December 2016

3. **Whipping Declarations**

To provide an opportunity for Members to declare the existence of a party whip in relation to any item on the agenda

4. **Declarations of Interest**

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To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in any item on the agenda.

5. Public Speaking/Open Session

A total period of 15 minutes is allocated for members of the public to make a statement(s) on any matter that falls within the remit of the Committee.

Individual members of the public may speak for up to 5 minutes, but the Chairman will decide how the period of time allocated for public speaking will be apportioned, where there are a number of speakers.

Note: In order for officers to undertake any background research, it would be helpful if members of the public contacted the Scrutiny officer listed at the foot of the agenda, at least one working day before the meeting to provide brief details of the matter to be covered.

6. Budget Consultation 2017-2020 (Pages 7 - 16)

To consider Budget proposals as set out in the Council's Pre-Budget Consultation 2017/20 document, specifically in relation to Outcomes 3, 5 and 6.

The Pre-Budget Consultation 2017/20 Document has previously been circulated to Members. Available online at:

http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/your_council/council_finance_and_governance/cheshire_east_budget/cheshire_east_budget.aspx

7. Forward Plan (Pages 17 - 18)

To give consideration to the areas of the forward plan which fall within the remit of the Committee

8. Work Programme (Pages 19 - 28)

To give consideration to the work programme

00CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**Minutes of a meeting of the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

held on Monday, 19th December, 2016 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3,
Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor Rhoda Bailey (Chairman)
Councillor S Pochin (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors B Dooley, D Flude, L Jeuda, G Merry, A Moran and M Deakin

Apologies

Councillors J Saunders

In attendance

Councillor G Heyes

N Moorhouse – Director of Children's Social Care
T Ryan – Director of Children's Prevention and Support
J Potter - Head of Service for Prevention Services
K Simpson, Head Teacher at Middlewich High School
N Perris – Divisional Manager, Wirral Community NHS Trust
Andrea Johns – Professional Lead (Health Visiting)
Fiona Campbell – Professional Lead (School Nursing)

46 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor J Saunders

47 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Consideration was given to the minutes of the last meeting.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

48 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

49 WHIPPING DECLARATIONS

There were no whipping declarations.

50 PUBLIC SPEAKING/OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public present wishing to speak

51 EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY SCHOOLS PROJECT

J Potter, Head of Service for Prevention Services and K Simpson, Head Teacher at Middlewich High School gave a presentation on the success of the Emotionally Healthy Schools Project. The presentation detailed:

- The rationale – in Cheshire East in 2015, approximately 12,500 children and young people aged between 0-24 had a mental health disorder. The DfE recognised that in order to help pupils succeed, schools had a role to play in supporting them to be resilient and mentally healthy.
- The schools perspective, which included the growing need in schools, the link between emotional health and attainment and the link between emotionally healthy schools and the wider school sector led improvements.
- The emotionally healthy schools projected had been piloted in 6 schools and was supported by 3 project workers, a project manager and administrative support and a CAHMS Clinical Lead.
- The projects activity, objectives and THRIVE Model.
- The plans for 2017 and 2018.

It was noted that there was less help available out of school term time, however efforts were being made to link pupils to local service providers and available web services.

Members welcomed the success of the pilot scheme, acknowledged how the scheme had connected partners together and were pleased to see that the scheme would be extended.

RESOLVED

That the extension of the pilot scheme be welcomed.

52 0-19 HEALTHY CHILD PROGRAMME UPDATE

Neil Perris, Fiona Campbell and Andrea Johns attended the meeting to update members on the 0-19 Healthy Child Programme. The presentation detailed:

- Key service developments – leadership and governance; workforce development; information technology; service user engagement and improvement culture.
- Transformation – Transformation Board (integration of 0-19 and Children's Services) and progress of the transformation work streams.
- Summary of the change
- Opportunities and challenges
- Service user impact
- Impact and outcomes

- Next Steps, including embedding parenting journey, increased visibility in schools and embedded public health promotion, establishing the role of 16-19 nurse, expansion of family nurse partnership, looked after children services and queens nurse institute research.

Members agreed that the programme provided an opportunity for early intervention as children could be tracked and their development monitored.

It was noted that the provision of services was better in some areas than others, services still needed to be mapped and standardised.

Further to the previous presentation, School Nurses could also address some of the emotional health and wellbeing work, they also dealt with immunisation, safeguarding and prevention.

RESOLVED

That the update be received.

53 CSE TASK AND FINISH GROUP - FINAL REPORT

Consideration was given to the Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Task and Finish Group Final Report. The Task and Finish Group was established to consider whether or not the Councils arrangements to safeguard children from CSE were adequate.

It was agreed that there needed to be a national change regarding the current licensing arrangements for private hire and hackney carriage drivers as the current arrangements were unsatisfactory

RESOLVED

That the report be submitted to Cabinet for approval.

54 FORWARD PLAN

Consideration was given to the areas of the forward plan which fell within the remit of the Committee.

RESOLVED

That the forward plan be received.

55 WORK PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to the work programme. Following the recent changes to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Structure, it was agreed that the informal Committee meetings would be cancelled and that the following additional amendments be made:

- The Independent Review Officer Annual Report be considered in June 2017

- The budget proposals be considered at a special meeting on 20 January 2017
- The performance scorecard be considered at the meeting scheduled to take place on 27 March 2017.
- The Ofsted Inspection/Recruitment and Retention of Social Workers be removed from the work programme as this would be covered within the performance scorecard.
- Alternative Walking Routes to Schools be moved from April to 26 June
- Tier 3 and 4 CAHMs be scrutinised and a series of focussed questions be agreed in January 2017.

RESOLVED

That the work programme be amended to reflected the issues highlighted above.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 4.05 pm

Councillor Rhoda Bailey (Chairman)

Cheshire East Council

Date of Meeting: 20 January 2017

Report to: Children & Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Subject/Title: Children & Families Budget proposals 2017-2020

1. Report Summary

1.1. The following table is extracted from the Cheshire East Council Pre-Budget consultation document 2017/20

http://cheshireeast.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/your_council/council_finance_and_governance/cheshire_east_budget/cheshire_east_budget.aspx

1.2. The extracts relate to the specific budget proposals for Childrens Services and are provided to the committee as an opportunity for discussion and scrutiny of the proposals.

2. Outcome 3- People have the life skills and education they need in order to thrive.

Proposals to vary the Budget under Outcome 3 are focused on these areas:-

Changing the way we work <i>Managing services in a way that gets more for less. Investing in modern technology to get better quality outputs, eliminating duplication and streamlining processes.</i>	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
	£m*	£m*	£m*
1. Children's Services transport policy review (Revenue Savings) Work with the current school transport provider, Transport Service Solutions, to explore a number of options to provide a more cost effective Children's Services transport solution. <i>Impact on Transport Service Budget =</i>	-0.390	-0.800	-0.960
2. Realignment of Children's Services funding streams and review of policy			

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	£m*	£m*	£m*
around charges and exemptions in relation to Children’s Social Care (Revenue Savings) Realignment of Children’s Services funding streams and review of policy around charges and exemptions in relation to Children’s Social Care to maximise use of existing budgets and to develop a more commercial approach to generating income. <i>Impact on Children and Families Directorate Budget =</i>	-0.305	-0.305	-0.305
3. Redesign of short break provision for children with disabilities (Revenue Savings) Carry out a review to ensure efficient management and co-ordination of the short break local offer for children with a disability and their families. Put in place a whole system that is transparent, equitable and provides value for money, using advanced technology, to sustain a good offer to children, young people and their families. <i>Impact on Children’s Social Care Service Budget =</i>	-0.125	-0.325	-0.325
4. Creating efficiencies in Children's commissioned services (Revenue Savings) The cyclical review of the wide variety of commissioned services that support the Council to deliver effective children’s services will look to identify efficiencies as contracts come to an end and will also ensure a continuing fit with the internal capacity within Children’s Services. <i>Impact on Children’s Social Care Service Budget =</i>	-0.150	-0.200	-0.200
5. Early Help and Prevention management review (Revenue Savings) Review of Early Help and Prevention management capacity as a result of the redesign of the Youth Engagement Service and Prevention and Family support services. <i>Impact on Prevention and Support Service Budget =</i>	-0.160	-0.160	-0.160
6. Transitional funding - finishing (Revenue Savings) Removal of the temporary funding for developing new models of service delivery. <i>Impact on Resources and Stewardship Service Budget =</i>	-0.120	-0.120	-0.120

CAPITAL SCHEMES

Looking after children and young people - <i>Review of current service offers to ensure high standards are maintained and demand is managed.</i>	2017/18 £m*	2018/19 £m*	2019/20 £m*
7. Future Years Basic Need - Nantwich Primary - Kingsley Fields, Wilmslow Planning Area & Congleton Planning Area (Capital Investment) Basic need area proposals have been identified in line with the draft Schools Organisation Framework, ensuring the local authority meets its statutory duty to ensure sufficient school places. <i>New Capital Investment 2018/19 =</i>		+8.875	
8. Nantwich Planning Area (Secondary) (Capital Investment) Basic need area proposals have been identified in line with the draft Schools Organisation Framework, ensuring the local authority meets its statutory duty to ensure sufficient school places. <i>New Capital Investment 2017/18 =</i> <i>New Capital Investment 2018/19 =</i>	+1.035	+2.415	
9. Sandbach Planning Area (Secondary) (Capital Investment) Basic need area proposals have been identified in line with the draft Schools Organisation Framework, ensuring the local authority meets its statutory duty to ensure sufficient school places. <i>New Capital Investment 2017/18 =</i> <i>New Capital Investment 2018/19 =</i>	+1.035	+2.415	

Looking after children and young people <i>Review of current service offers to ensure high standards are maintained and demand is managed.</i>	2017/18 £m*	2018/19 £m*	2019/20 £m*
10. Shavington Planning Area (Capital Investment) Basic need area proposals have been identified in line with the draft Schools Organisation Framework, ensuring the local authority meets its statutory duty to ensure sufficient school places. <i>New Capital Investment 2017/18 =</i> <i>New Capital Investment 2018/19 =</i>	+0.720	+1.680	

Looking after children and young people <i>Review of current service offers to ensure high standards are maintained and demand is managed.</i>	2017/18 £m*	2018/19 £m*	2019/20 £m*
11. Alsager Planning Area (Secondary) (Capital Investment) Basic need area proposals have been identified in line with the draft Schools Organisation Framework, ensuring the local authority meets its statutory duty to ensure sufficient school places. <i>New Capital Investment 2017/18 =</i> <i>New Capital Investment 2018/19 =</i>	+0.518	+1.208	
12. Alsager Planning Area (Primary) (Capital Investment) Basic need area proposals have been identified in line with the draft Schools Organisation Framework, ensuring the local authority meets its statutory duty to ensure sufficient school places. <i>New Capital Investment 2017/18 =</i> <i>New Capital Investment 2018/19 =</i>	+0.360	+0.840	
13. Nantwich Planning Area (Primary) (Capital Investment) Basic need area proposals have been identified in line with the draft Schools Organisation Framework, ensuring the local authority meets its statutory duty to ensure sufficient school places. <i>New Capital Investment 2017/18 =</i> <i>New Capital Investment 2018/19 =</i>	+0.360	+0.840	
14. Sandbach Planning Area (Primary) (Capital Investment) Basic need area proposals have been identified in line with the draft Schools Organisation Framework, ensuring the local authority meets its statutory duty to ensure sufficient school places. <i>New Capital Investment 2017/18 =</i> <i>New Capital Investment 2018/19 =</i>	+0.360	+0.840	
15. Cledford Planning Area (Capital Investment) Basic need area proposals have been identified in line with the draft Schools Organisation Framework, ensuring the local authority meets its statutory duty to ensure sufficient school places. <i>New Capital Investment 2017/18 =</i>	+0.104		

Looking after children and young people <i>Review of current service offers to ensure high standards are maintained and demand is managed.</i>	2017/18 £m*	2018/19 £m*	2019/20 £m*
<i>New Capital Investment 2018/19 =</i>		+0.242	

Reducing subsidy <i>Ensure limited resources are redirected to the areas with the most critical need.</i>	2017/18 £m*	2018/19 £m*	2019/20 £m*
16. End of Early Intervention short-term funding allocation (non Public Health element) (Revenue Savings) End of investment in early help and prevention services that were used to reduce the demand for higher cost services in the longer term. <i>Impact on Children and Families Directorate Budget =</i>			
	0.000	-1.000	-1.000

Outcome 5- People live well and for longer

Changing the way we work <i>Managing services in a way that gets more for less. Investing in modern technology to get better quality outputs, eliminating duplication and streamlining processes.</i>	2017/18 £m*	2018/19 £m*	2019/20 £m*
1. Reducing Agency Spend (Revenue Savings) The successful recruitment of permanent Social Workers and Social Care Assessors throughout 2016 and 2017 will lead to a reduction in agency workers in 2017 and, in turn, reduced expenditure in the staffing budget.			

Changing the way we work <i>Managing services in a way that gets more for less. Investing in modern technology to get better quality outputs, eliminating duplication and streamlining processes.</i>	2017/18 £m*	2018/19 £m*	2019/20 £m*
<i>Impact on Social Care Staffing Service Budget =</i>	-0.100	0.000	0.000

Looking after children and young people - Review of current service offers to ensure high standards are maintained and demand is managed.	2017/18 £m*	2018/19 £m*	2019/20 £m*
1. Growth Bid Cared for Children & Care Leavers (Revenue Investment) There has been a 15% increase in the numbers of cared for children, locally, regionally and nationally over the past two years. Although we are still below national and local comparators, admissions to care have continued to exceed the number of discharges and the complexity of needs of individuals are increasing due to better gatekeeping and effective prevention arrangements. This increase in numbers and complexity has resulted in the need for additional placement purchases, including high cost placements, and additional staffing to support children, young people and care leavers. <i>Impact on Children's Social Care Service Budget =</i>	+2.800	+2.800	+2.800
2. Complex Dependency Programme (Revenue Investment) Pan-Cheshire funding to support intensive family support work with families with complex needs through new ways of working across the public sector. <i>Impact on Prevention and Support Service Budget =</i>	+0.100	+0.100	+0.100
3. Watermill House (Revenue Investment) Permanent funding will ensure the important accommodation and support for cared for children and care leavers at Watermill House can continue. <i>Impact on Children's Social Care Service Budget =</i>	+0.075	+0.075	+0.075

Collaboration <i>Working smarter with key partners to reduce cost burden or share key resources to improve value for money.</i>	2017/18 £m*	2018/19 £m*	2019/20 £m*
4. Sub-regional collaborations - (Revenue Savings) Improve the efficiency of existing safeguarding services by collaborating with a number of other local authority areas to pool resources, share good practice and reduce duplication.			

Collaboration <i>Working smarter with key partners to reduce cost burden or share key resources to improve value for money.</i>	2017/18 £m*	2018/19 £m*	2019/20 £m*
<i>Impact on Children and Families Directorate Budget =</i>	-0.205	-0.330	-0.330

Investment in services <i>Investment will be put in to systems that support key services and in to other assets to ensure they remain fit for purpose. The impact of capital spending will be managed at affordable levels.</i>	2017/18 £m*	2018/19 £m*	2019/20 £m*
1. Transitional Funding – finishing (Revenue Savings) Permanent contract reductions in relation to Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector were delayed in 2016/17 and the resultant financial shortfall funded by transitional funding. New contracts are in place to support the full year effect of these reductions in 2017/18, meaning this transitional funding can be withdrawn. <i>Impact on Resources and Stewardship Service Budget =</i>	-0.353	-0.353	-0.353

4. Outcome 6- Workforce Development

Workforce <i>Increasing productivity through workforce planning whilst meeting our statutory obligations regarding pay inflation and ensuring non essential staff travel and supplies are minimised.</i>	2017/18 £m*	2018/19 £m*	2019/20 £m*
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Workforce <i>Increasing productivity through workforce planning whilst meeting our statutory obligations regarding pay inflation and ensuring non essential staff travel and supplies are minimised.</i>	2017/18 £m*	2018/19 £m*	2019/20 £m*
17. Budget reductions resulting from Productivity / Staffing Efficiencies (Revenue Savings) We are expecting to see significant cumulative cash reductions over the three year period 2017 to 2020. This will have a significant impact on us as an organisation and the ways we deliver services. While we will make every effort to save through other efficiencies, such as improving productivity and by seeking to reduce agency staff costs and consultancy spend, these measures alone will not be enough to reduce the potential gap. We have an average staff turnover of around 5% per year – this should offer opportunities for review and we will work with staff and trade union representatives to redesign services and structures to achieve the required savings. PEOPLE	-2.100	-2.100	-2.100
18. Allocation of cross service savings relating to staff travel (Revenue Savings) Cross authority saving of c.£150,000 split between all relevant areas from the reduction in staff mileage claims on the back of introducing new technology to facilitate digital meetings. <i>Impact on Cross Service Budgets =</i>	-0.148	-0.148	-0.148
19. Car Mileage Review (Revenue Savings) To undertake a review of current mileage rates paid to Cheshire East Council employees when undertaking business mileage. This review will consider reducing the current rates paid to reduce mileage costs. This review will need to be undertaken with the Trade Unions and would require a formal change to the Harmonisation Agreement before potential savings can be realised. <i>Impact on Cross Service Budget =</i>	-0.100	-0.100	-0.100

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Key Decision	Decisions to be Taken	Decision Maker	Expected Date of Decision	Proposed Consultation	How to make representation to the decision made	Private/ Confidential and paragraph number
CE 16/17-27 Determination of Local Authority Co-ordinated Scheme and Admission Arrangements 2018/19	To approve the Council's Co-ordinated Scheme and Admission Arrangements for 2018/19.	Cabinet Member for Children and Families	January 2017		Kath O'Dwyer, Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director: People	N/A
CE 16/17-30 Disley Primary School - School Expansion Proposals	Subject to consultation with community stakeholders, to consider the issuing of a public notice on the proposed expansion of Disley Primary School.	Cabinet Member for Children and Families	24 Jan 2017		Jackie Forster	NA

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CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 20 January 2017
Report of: Director of Legal Services
Subject/Title: Work Programme update

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 To review items in the 2016/2017 Work Programme listed in the schedule attached, together with any other items suggested by Committee Members.

2.0 Recommendations

That the 2016/2017 work programme be reviewed.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 It is good practice to agree and review the Work Programme to enable effective management of the Committee's business.

4.0 Wards Affected

- 4.1 All

5.0 Local Ward Members

- 5.1 Not applicable.

6.0 Policy Implications including - Carbon reduction - Health

- 6.1 Not known at this stage.

7.0 Financial Implications

- 7.1 Not known at this stage.

8.0 Legal Implications

- 8.1 None.

9.0 Risk Management

9.1 There are no identifiable risks.

10.0 Background and Options

10.1 The schedule attached has been updated following the last meeting of the committee.

10.2 Members are asked to review the schedule attached to this report, and if appropriate, add new items or delete items that no longer require any scrutiny activity. When selecting potential topics, Members should have regard to the Council's new three year plan and also to the general criteria listed below, which should be applied to all potential items when considering whether any Scrutiny activity is appropriate.

The following questions should be asked in respect of each potential work programme item:

- Does the issue fall within a corporate priority;
- Is the issue of key interest to the public;
- Does the matter relate to a poor or declining performing service for which there is no obvious explanation;
- Is there a pattern of budgetary overspends;
- Is it a matter raised by external audit management letters and or audit reports?
- Is there a high level of dissatisfaction with the service;

10.3 If during the assessment process any of the following emerge, then the topic should be rejected:

- The topic is already being addressed elsewhere
- The matter is subjudice
- Scrutiny cannot add value or is unlikely to be able to conclude an investigation within the specified timescale

11 Access to Information

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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Essential items

Item	Description/purpose of report/comments	Outcome	Lead Officer/ organisation/ Portfolio Holder	Suggested by	Current position	Key Dates/ Deadlines
Emotional Health and Wellbeing - CAHMS	To scrutinise tier 3 and 4 of the service. partners to be invited and answer a series of questions	People live well and for longer	Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director People , Director of Public Health Children and Families Portfolio Holder and Adults health and Leisure Portfolio Holder	The Committee		26 June 2016 List of questions to be agreed on 30 January 2017
Independent Review Officer	Further to meeting held on 31 October, to receive a 6 monthly	A responsible effective and	Deputy Chief Executive and	The Committee	Update report to include details of	26 June 2017

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Annual Report	progress report	efficient organisation	Executive Director People Children and Families Portfolio Holder		the 34 care leavers not in employment or education.	
Budget Report	To review the budget saving within children and families	A responsible effective and efficient organisation	Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director People Children and Families Portfolio Holder			20 January 2017

Monitoring Items

Item	Description/purpose of report/comments	Outcome	Lead Officer/organisation/Portfolio Holder	Suggested by	Current position	Key Dates/Deadlines
Performance Monitoring – C&F Scorecard	Quarterly performance reports	A responsible effective and efficient organisation	Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director	Ofsted	Quarterly	Q3 – 27.03.17

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			People Children and Families Portfolio Holder			
School Improvement/ School capacity		People have the life skills and education they need in order to thrive	Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director People Children and Families Portfolio Holder	The Committee	Validated results 2016.	30 January 2017
SEND Reforms	To scrutinise the implementation of SEND Reforms	People have the life skills and education they need in order to thrive	Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director People Children and Families Portfolio Holder	Director of Children's Services	Task and Finish Review	25 September 2017
Alternative Walking Routes to Schools	Further to the Call In, to receive an update on the recommendations agreed by Cabinet.		Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director People Children and Families Portfolio	The Committee	Progress report.	26 June 2017

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			Holder			
Children's Centres	To review the February 2016 Council decision to de-designate 4 children's centres, following an informal briefing on 23 June 2016.	People have the life skills and education they need in order to thrive	Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director People Children and Families Portfolio Holder	The Committee		27 March 2017
Corporate Parenting	To review the annual report of the newly a established Corporate Parenting Committee		Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director People , Children and Families Portfolio Holder	The Committee		26 June 2017

Possible Future/ desirable items

Neglect/Innovation Fund (project Crewe) (Jan 2017) and potential Review of Neglect (possibly through a task and finish group) – April 2017. To be considered on 30 January to allow time for the evaluation report to be produced.

Task and Finish Group on the transition process for care leavers (if required following a report to the Corporate parenting committee)

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Removed items

Schools becoming academies

Ofsted Inspection/

Safeguarding –update/ Recruitment & retention of Staff. Social Workers/Review of HR Policies

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