

As of 04/02/2011

Children and Families Scrutiny Committee Workplan: September 2010 – April 2011

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Historical Record

Date of Meeting	Agenda Setting Meeting	Topic	Purpose/Key issues (including origin)	Comments post meeting
16 September 2010 (Mid Point meeting)		Performance Monitoring Report – 2010 Exam Results	Report on the recent exam results – highlighting areas of success and areas in need of improvement	To consider areas earmarked for improvement when next appropriate i.e. next years exam results.
		Safeguarding and Redesign of Children's Services update	To listen to an update of the redesign and for the Committee to be aware of the proposed action plan and direction of travel.	Keep the Committee updated of any developments
		Draft Children's Plan update	To provide the committee with an update	Involve the Committee in the consultation process due in mid-November 2010
		Developments in central government thinking	Update / Brief	More will be known post CSR – perhaps bring this back to Committee in November?
		Connexions update	Update / Brief	In period of consultation – option to bring back to Committee after decision is

				made to consider future options.
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19 October 2010		Academies Update	To update the Committee on the Academies Act 2010 and its financial implications	Updates brought to the committee on a ¼ basis.
		SEN Review	To inform the Children and Families Scrutiny Committee of the Children and Families review of Special Educational Needs (SEN) provision and progress made to date.	That the Committee receive further updates on the progress of the review, especially as recommendations develop
		Annual Unannounced Inspection	Update the Committee on the progress of the action plan	Updates brought to the committee on a ¼ basis
		Regulation 33 visit	As a result of the recommendation of the residential provision review	Updates to be brought bi-annually (March 2011)
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16 November 2010 (mid point)		Macclesfield High School Update	To update the Committee on the progress of the consultation and to seek endorsement of the process	Consultation doc not endorsed due to pending Call In – formal consultation response to be given on the 7/12/2010
		Cabinet Response to Residential Provision Review	To inform the Committee of the responses to the Residential Provision review.	Responses were considered - few amendments made. Need a further meeting to receive the cabinet's full response.

		Obesity and Diabetes Review	To inform the Committee of the progress on the recommendations of the review which relate to Children and Families	Recommendations noted – bring back for further comment at a future meeting.
		Task and Finish group discussion	To set up a Task and Finish review and to confirm Membership	Review on Fostering Services agreed – terms of reference to be brought to Committee on 7/12/2010
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7 December 2010		Government White Paper on Education briefing	To brief the Committee on the content and possible implications of the Govt's White Paper	
		Family support review	To receive and consider the recommendations of the Family Support T&F review	
		Action plan from unannounced inspection update	To follow up the update provided on 19.10.10	
		Schools Inspection Report	To receive and comment on the schools inspection report	
		Macclesfield High School – Committee Consultation	To produce a Committee response to the formal consultation over the proposed closure of Macclesfield high school upon the opening of an academy.	
		Fostering Services T & F	To ratify the T&F group and note the group's terms of reference.	
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20 January (mid point)	15/12/10	SEN review update	To update Members on the progress of the SEN Review.	Paper to be brought to Committee in March
		Academies update (verbal brief)	Update/Brief	To be updated on a 1/4 basis
		Corporate parenting (draft consultation version)	To receive and comment on the draft corporate parenting strategy	Paper to be re-submitted in February
		Children's services performance rating	Update	
		Establishment of a Pupil Referral Unit (Short Stay School)	Brief	
		Outline of strategy for Member engagement into: Social Services Systems (possible T&F group to be scheduled in 6/9 months time) Intervention and Inspection options around education support (due to the changing policy landscape and evolving role for LAs)		Members to discuss the form of their engagement in February. Work to start in June 2011 To follow up post Mark Bayley report.
		Macclesfield High School Closure / Macclesfield Academy	Update / brief	

Next Agenda Setting Meeting: 17/02/2011

Ongoing items/reviews

Item	Reporting:	Committee Meeting							
		16/09 (mid point)	19/10	16/10 (Mid point)	07/12	20/1 (Mid point)	15/2	15/3 (Mid point)	12/4
REDESIGN OF CHILDENS SERVICES Committee to be kept updated on the current position with the redesign - Challenges and Opportunities, emerging work programme, update on redesign of integrated service delivery - and given the opportunity to comment	When Appropriate	X							
PERFORMANCE REPORTING (key exceptions – red/amber and explanations/commentary) to include adoption rates, staffing information and profile of children in Cheshire East	Quarterly (except in instances of a red flag)					X			
INDEPENDENT INSPECTIONS OR REVIEWS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Unannounced Inspection • Children Services Performance Rating • Schools Inspection 	Quarterly		X		X	X	X		
SAFEGUARDING	When Appropriate						X		
REGULATION 33	Bi-annual		X						
BUDGET PROCESS	When Appropriate					X			
REVIEW OF WORK PROGRAMME	Regular		X		X		X		
ACADEMIES	Quarterly		X			X			
SEN REVIEW	When Appropriate		X			X		X	

Possible Future Issues / Items (Chronology)

Item	Corporate Priority / Targets	Suggested Action	Notes	Due Date and Status
Fostering Inspection	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Review Result when available		tbc
Adoption Inspection	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Review result		tbc
Corporate Parenting	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Work in progress – come to Committee for comment in February	Verbal update provided in January. Completed, but as there are new Members, this training session be repeated and offered again to all Members of the Committee – possibly wait until election after May	15/02/2011 On track
Review of Residential Provision	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Follow up on recommendations in 6 and 12 months (March & September) <u>Request action plan for recommendations</u>	Recommendations went to Cabinet for consideration on 20.09.10. Formal Response provided in January	tbc
Family Support Services	Supporting and	Recommendations	Going to Cabinet 20/12/2010. Waiting for	tbc

	Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	came to Committee in December 2010.	formal response.	
Education Attainment	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Headlines submitted when available Possible task and finish group to review the work of the multi agency improvement and achievement group (on hold)	Detailed analysis of 2010 results provided at the mid point meeting 16.09.10	tbc
Transport for Young People	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Access arrangements for young people in education and/or employment. Presentation to be made followed by a potential task and finish group		tbc
Draft Children's' plan/ children's trust	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	To be involved in consultation in mid-November (possibly report on this at a future committee – January/March?)	Update provided 16.09.10	tbc
Teenage Pregnancy Reduction	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in	Wait for result of White Paper		tbc

	Cheshire East			
IT Systems	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Review of IT systems as they relate to the redesign of children's services Taking into consideration the Munroe Review	Briefed by Cath Knowles	tbc
Fostering Services	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Review of adequacy task and finish group set up	First Meeting held 13/12/2010 Due to report in April	12/04/2011 On track
Connexions – Value for money	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Possible full session on the future of Connexions – in light of possible budget cuts.	Briefing received on 16.09.10	tbc
Every Child matters	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Revisit – possible refresher training to be arranged		tbc
NEETs	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Availability of schemes for college places entry into employment etc	Possibly include as part of the Connexions review	tbc
Macclesfield High School Review	Supporting and Protecting our	To keep Committee updated after	Update provided on 27.07.10 and 07.09.10	tbc

	young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	consultation events (possibly on January meeting)		
Obesity and Diabetes Review	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	To update the Committee of recommendations and progress against these which relate to children and families.	Update received 16.11.2010 Further updates required in 6 months (May 2011)	May 2011 On track
Director of Public Health	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	To attend Committee to explain how they are going to report on children's health issues.		tbc
Government White Paper	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Items to be brought to Committee when details emerge.		tbc
Member Engagement in Social Services Systems	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Members to discuss form of this – Feb Work scheduled to begin in June		June 2011 On track
Member Engagement in Intervention and Inspection options around education support	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Members to discuss the form of this following a report from Mark Bayley.		June 2011 On track

Disregarded / Discontinued Items

Item	Date	Reason
Post 16 Transfer of Funding to Local authorities	22.09.10	Responsibility no longer with LA
Analysis of School Performance	22.09.10	To be merged with educational attainment item
Early Years Funding Reform	22.09.10	Briefing heard on 27.07.10
Children's Centres	26.10.10	Dealt with as part of the Family Support review.
School Status report	26.10.10	Merged with Academies item
Interventions in Schools	26.10.10	To be dealt with in the schools inspection item.
School Admissions Policy / TLC review	14.12.10	Superseded by White Paper item

Task Groups – potential/current/recently completed

Title	Progress Notes/Actions
Residential Provision	Recommendations agreed 07.09.10 – went to Cabinet 20.09.10 for consideration. Come back to in 6 months (March) & 12 months (September)
Family Support	Reported to Committee 07.12.10. Went to Cabinet 20.12.10
Education attainment	Set up Task and Finish Group to review the work of the multi agency improvement and achievement group
Transport for young People	Potential task group to be set up.
Foster services	Task group established – first meeting 13/12/2010.
Social Services Systems	Possibility of Task and Finish Group tbc by Officers – scheduled for May 2011