

As of 18/07/2011

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

Portfolio Holder – Hilda Gaddum

Historical Record

Date of Meeting	Agenda Setting Meeting	Topic	Purpose/Key issues (including origin)	Comments post meeting
12 April	17/2/11	Review of Home to School Transport	To consider a report on the consultation process	That a report be brought back to Committee on 31 May 2011
		Children's Centre Programme Re-shaping	To receive a brief on the rationale behind the re-shaping of the Children's centre programme	That a report be brought back to Committee in September 2011 to review the efficacy of the changes.
		Children and Families Compliant Procedures	To inform Members of the data relating to complaints and compliments and to inform them of proposed future changes	Committee noted report
		Fostering Services Review	Members considered the final report of the Task and Finish Group	Members accepted the report and its recommendations which were then referred to Cabinet for consideration.
		Fees and Charges	To inform Members of the proposed changes to fees and charges relating to the Children and Families Committee.	Members received the report.

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31 May 2011		Home to School Transport	To update Members on the emerging issues following the Consultation process	Arrange special meeting
		Children and Families Landscape	To provide Members with an overview of the service and functions of various teams.	Noted.
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20 June 2011 (special meeting)		Home to School Transport	Members to prioritise options following consultation and to recommend to Cabinet.	
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28 June 2011		Annual Unannounced Inspection of Contact, Assessment and Referral Arrangements – Action Plan	To update Members of outcome of the inspection and resulting action plan	<p>Future action plans improve on performance measures and clarity of language.</p> <p>Periodic safeguarding reports be brought to the Committee</p> <p>That the Committee receive minutes from the Children's Trust Board.</p>

				Report on how the service engages with partners on contact, assessment and referral arrangements.	
		Corporate Parenting Strategy	To update Members on the background and progress of the strategy.	Figures for mainstream pupils be given for comparison against the educational attainment of Cared for Children Committee receive minutes of the corporate parenting board DoCS suggest to CMT that all documents have a corp parenting heading.	
		Reg 33	Bi-annual report	Training to be arranged for those on rota	
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26 July 2011		Annual Announced Inspection	That the Director of Children's Services be requested to submit a report at the next meeting of the Committee outlining the resulting action plan.		the Committee outline
			That the newly developed performance scorecard be brought to the Committee on a quarterly basis for review.		
			That in subsequent years, a summary page be provided in addition to the main report.		
			That a review of the CAMHS service in terms of its relationship with Cared For Children be added to the work programme.		
			That the policy be revisited in six months for review.		

	Children & Families Performance Report	To receive an update on the general performance of the service and to pinpoint areas for development	
	Independent Reviewing Officers Report 10/11 – Annual Report	Members to consider the report and any issues arising from it	
	Cheshire East Family Service	Members to be briefed and to consider the CE approach.	

Next Agenda Setting Meeting: August 2011

Ongoing items/reviews/Monitoring Papers

SEN REVIEW (inc. Green Paper)	When Appropriate								
QUALITY ASSURANCE SOCIAL CARE AUDIT	When Appropriate								
		12/4	31/5	28/6	26/7	20/9	18/10	15/11	
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					
SAFEGUARDING	When Appropriate				X				
REGULATION 33	Bi-annual			X					
BUDGET PROCESS	When Appropriate								
REVIEW OF WORK PROGRAMME	Regular		X	X	X				
ACADEMIES	Quarterly								

Possible Future Issues / Items (Chronology)

Meeting dates:

26 July 2011

20 September 2011

18 October 2011

15 November 2011

13 December 2011

Item	Corporate Priority / Targets	Suggested Action	Notes	Due Date and Status
Serious Case Review	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Members to be briefed on the results of Ofsted Review and what the service plans to do as a result of it.		September 2011 Deferred
Virtual Head	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Phil Mellen to attend To provide a brief on his team's role. Also to provide update on the value for money and appropriateness of Out-of-Borough educational settings.	Requested at Committee in February 2011 Value for money element requested in May 2011	September 2011 On track
Academic Results 2010/11	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Members to be review the academic results (GCSE, KS2) for Cheshire East schools.	Requested at Committee in May 2011	September 2011 On Track

Disabled Respite Care – including elements of the Aiming Higher Paper	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Members to be briefed on the future direction of respite care.	Requested at Committee in May 2011	September 2011
Children's Centres – Proposed Changes	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	To update Members on how the changes are working	First report came to Committee in April 2011.	October 2011 Deferred
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	Members agreed approach February 2011.	October 2011 Deferred
Children's Trust	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Members to be briefed on what issues are important for young people.	Possible invite Cheshire East Youth MP representatives.	October 2011 On track
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)	TBC Deferred

Possible future items for consideration:

- Member Engagement in Intervention and Inspection options around education support
- Fostering Inspection
- IT Systems
- Every Child matters
- Director of Public Health
- Informal brief session to go through CAF Process
- Regulation 33 training
- The impact on Council Services following the opening of Academies
- The future of careers advice following the reduction in the Connexions Service.
- School Organisation Review
- Engagement with Partners on contact, assessment and referral arrangements

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
Redesign of Children's Services	17.02.11	Incorporated into Safeguarding item
Teenage Pregnancy	17.02.11	Superseded by Director of Public Health Item
NEETS	17.02.11	Superseded by Connexions Item
Macclesfield High School Review	04.05.11	Item no longer needing consideration
Transport for Young People	18.05.11	Superseded by Home to School Transport Review
Aiming Higher Report	13.06.11	Superseded by Disabled Respite Care item.

Task Groups – potential/current/completed

Title	Progress Notes/Actions
Managing the Provision of School Places (formerly TLC)	Went to Scrutiny November 2009.
Residential Provision	Recommendations agreed 07.09.10 – went to Cabinet 20.09.10 for consideration. Members to review action plan following Officer's response to recommendations.
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
Foster services	Recommendations agreed 04.11. Went to Cabinet 06.11
Health and Looked After Children	Discuss with Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee.
Cared for Children 16 plus service.	Set up Membership 28/06/2011
Home to School Transport	Following recommendation from Cabinet meeting.

Dates of Future Cabinet Meetings

1 August 2011, 5 September 2011, 3 October 2011, 31 October 2011, 28 November 2011, 5 December 2011, 9 January 2012, 6 February 2012, 5 March 2012, 2 April 2012 and 30 April 2012.

Dates of Future Council Meetings

21 July 2011, 13 October 2011, 15 December 2011, 23 February 2012, 19 April 2012 and 16 May 2012.