

As of 13/09/2011

Children and Families Scrutiny Committee Workplan: September 2011 – April 2012

Portfolio Holder – Hilda Gaddum

Historical Record

| Date of Meeting | Agenda Setting Meeting | Topic | Purpose/Key issues (including origin) | Comments post meeting |
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| 26 July 2011 | | Annual Announced Inspection | To receive a verbal update | That the Director of Children's Services be requested to submit a report at the next meeting of the Committee outlining the findings of the Announced Inspection and the resulting action plan. |
| | | Children & Families Performance Report | To receive an update on the general performance of the service and to pinpoint areas for development | That the newly developed performance scorecard be brought to the Committee on a quarterly basis for review. |
| | | Independent Reviewing Officers Report 10/11 – Annual Report | Members to consider the report and any issues arising from it | That in subsequent years, a summary page be provided in addition to the main report. That a review of the CAMHS |

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| | | | | service in terms of its relationship with Cared For Children be added to the work programme. |
| | | Cheshire East Family Service | Members to be briefed and to consider the CE approach. | That the policy be revisited in six months for review. |

Next Agenda Setting Meeting: 4 October 2011

Ongoing items/reviews/Monitoring Papers

| Item | Reporting: | Committee Meeting | | | | | | | |
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| | | 20/9 | 18/10 | 15/11 | 13/12 | 17/01 | 14/2 | 13/3 | 10/4 |
| PERFORMANCE REPORTING (key exceptions – red/amber and explanations/commentary) to include adoption rates, staffing information and profile of children in Cheshire East | Quarterly | 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 | | | | | | | | |
| REGULATION 33 | Bi-annual | | | | | | | | |
| BUDGET PROCESS | When Appropriate | | | | | | | | |
| REVIEW OF WORK PROGRAMME | Regular | X | | | | | | | |
| SEN REVIEW (inc. Green Paper) | When Appropriate | | | | | | | | |

Possible Future Issues / Items (Chronology)

Meeting dates:

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| <p>18 October 2011 17 January 2012 13 March 2012</p> | <p>15 November 2011 13 December 2011 14 February 2012 10 April 2012</p> |
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| Item | Corporate Priority / Targets | Suggested Action | Notes | Due Date and Status |
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| School Organisation Plan | Support our Children and Young People | Members to offer their views as part of the consultation process | | October 2011 On track |
| Disabled Respite Care – including elements of the Aiming Higher Paper | Support our Children and Young People | Members to be briefed on the future direction of respite care. | Requested at Committee in May 2011 | October 2011 Deferred |
| Children’s Centres – Proposed Changes | Support our Children and Young People | To update Members on how the changes are working | First report came to Committee in April 2011. | October 2011 Deferred |
| Virtual Head | Support our Children and Young People | 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 | October 2011 Deferred |
| Serious Case Review | Support our | Members to be briefed | | October 2011 |

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| | Children and Young People | on the results of Ofsted Review and what the service plans to do as a result of it. | | Deferred |
| Children's Trust | Support our Children and Young People | Members to be briefed on what issues are important for young people. | Possible invite Cheshire East Youth MP representatives. | November 2011 Deferred |
| The future of careers advice following the reduction in the Connexions Service (inc information on the future of Connexions) | Support our Children and Young People | Members to be briefed | Requested at Committee in June 2011 | November 2011 On Track |
| CAMHS Service and Cared for Children | Support our Children and Young People | Members to review | Requested at Committee in July 2011 | November 2011 On track |
| The impact on Council Services following the opening of Academies | Support our Children and Young People | Members to consider | Requested at Committee in June 2011 | November 2011 On track |
| School Organisation Plan | Support our Children and Young People | Results of Consultation | Following up actions from September 2011. | November 2011 On track |

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 inc. work on Obesity and Diabetes
- Regulation 33 training
- Cheshire East Family Service – review in February 2012

Disregarded / Discontinued Items

| Item | Date | Reason |
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| 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. |
| Member Engagement in Social Services Systems | 03.08.11 | Superseded by Training session on Contact, Referrals and Assessments |

Task Groups – potential/current/completed

| Title | Progress Notes | Actions |
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| 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 | Cabinet Response required ASAP |
| 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 | Cabinet Response required December 2011 |
| Health and Looked After Children | Discuss with Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee. | To set up with conjunction with the Health and Wellbeing Committee. |
| Cared for Children 16 plus service. | Set up Membership 28/06/2011 – deferred to January 2012 | |
| Home to School Transport | Following recommendation from Cabinet meeting. | To approve Membership. |

Dates of Future Cabinet Meetings

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

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