

Children and Families Scrutiny Committee
Work Plan 2009-10 – updated following mid point meeting 22 February 2010

| Issue | Priority | Comment | Date | Current position |
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| Safeguarding and Redesign – Challenges and Opportunities, emerging work programme, update on redesign of integrated service delivery | High | Committee to be kept updated on all current issues; Task/Finish Panel to visit front line services (deferred for time being) | Every meeting (if applicable); 16 November 09; 13 January 2010 - | Report to meeting of 25 May 2010 (Ruth Jenkins to attend) Continue to defer |
| Performance reporting (key exceptions – red/amber and explanations/commentary) to include adoption rates, staffing information and profile of children in Cheshire East | High | Submitted to Scrutiny on a 3 monthly basis | 16 November 09 22 March 2010 (after report has been submitted to Cabinet) | Report to next meeting (22 March) on exceptions (red and amber) |
| Corporate Parenting – training event | High | | Training event held on 25 September 09 | Completed |
| Inspections | High | Committee to be updated when Inspections have taken place. | 16 November 09 | Report to next mid point meeting on the overall Inspection programme |

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| Children's Services Performance Rating | | Report on Performance rating | 18 January 2010 | |
| Youth Offending Inspection | | YOS Action Plan to be considered at future meeting. | 18 January 2010 | |
| Fostering Inspection | | Report on outcome of Inspection | 18 January 2010 | |
| Task/Finish Panel – Review of Residential Provision - Update | High | Underway | March 2010 | Agreed to aim for completion date of the Review of March/April to report into Scrutiny in April or May (special meeting if necessary). Verbal update to next meeting as part of the Work Programme report. |
| Educational Attainment | | Headlines submitted when available and detailed analysis to follow | September 09 January 2010 | Completed for this year. |
| TLC Scrutiny Review | High | Task/Finish Panel completed its work, report to be submitted to Cabinet on 22 December 09; | 16 November 09 | Completed |

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| | | Verbal update following consideration by Cabinet. | 18 January 2010 | |
| Early Years Funding Reform | Medium | Submit results of consultation exercise to meeting when available – verbal update on current position | 18 January 2010 | Council granted Pathfinder status. Now completed. |
| Post 16 Transfer of Funding to Local Authorities | Medium | No further action | - | 5 staff to transfer to CEC. No action required at this stage. |
| Children's Centres | Medium | Include in scope of Task/Finish Panel on Family Support Services | - | No action required. |
| Family Support Services | Medium | Task/Finish Panel set up, first meeting to be arranged. | Underway, to be completed in 6 – 9 months, aim to report to meeting of 16 November 2010. | First meeting held and next meeting arranged for 22 March. |
| Transport for Young People | Medium | No action required at this stage | - | Denise to investigate scope of Council review of commissioned transport arrangements and whether it includes the issues raised by Cllr Beckford who suggested this topic. |
| School Admissions Policy | Medium | Scrutiny to be a consultee | | Report going to Cabinet in |

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| | | when a policy has been developed | | March on the mandatory requirements relating to school admissions. |
| Draft Children's Plan/Children's Trust | High | Presentation on current position. Further training agreed at meeting on 18 January | 18 January 2010 | Training to be arranged (Denise to liaise with Rick Howell) |
| Teenage Pregnancy – reduction | High | Committee to be kept updated on action taken as a result of the visit by the National Support Team | 22 March 2010 | Report to next meeting (22 March) on performance with verbal update on current position. |
| Ofsted Framework | High | Report on new framework to be submitted to the Committee | Presentation to meeting of 16 November 09 | Completed. |
| Budget | | Scrutiny consulted on draft budget | end January/early February 2010 | Completed for this year. |
| Analysis of School Performance | | Included in Educational Attainment report (above) | | Completed. |
| School Status Report | | | | No action required at the moment. |
| Schools White Paper | | Presentation | 18 January 2010 | Completed. |
| Sex and Relationships Education (referred from Health Scrutiny) | | | | Report to next meeting (22 March) on preparation for compulsory delivery of SRE in schools and update on the delivery mechanisms. |
| Care Matters White Paper | High | Report on the Action Plan and Implementation Plan | 22 March 2010 | Report to next meeting (22 March) |

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| | | of the requirements of the White Paper. | | |
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Other Issues

Safeguarding Children – training session now rearranged for 16 March.

Visit to Children’s Centres – remove, to be included as part of Family Support Services Task/Finish Panel.

DVD of Lord Laming’s appearance at Parliamentary Select Committee - remove due to lack of time.

Future work – at the next mid point discuss possible future topics for a Task/Finish Panel to undertake when the Review of Residential Provision Panel has completed its work.

Dates of Meetings

14 September 2009

16 November 2009

18 January 2010

22 March 2010

15/02/2010