

Children and Families Work Programme July 2010

Issue	Description / Comment	Suggested by	Portfolio Holder	Corporate Priority	Current Position(R,A,G)	Date
Safeguarding and Redesign of Children's 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	Committee	H Gaddum	Separate Safeguarding from Redesign of Children's Services, but keep as a standard item on agendas to receive regular updates	Committee receives regular updates	On-going
Performance reporting	(key exceptions – red/amber and explanations/commentary) to include adoption rates, staffing information and profile of children in Cheshire East	Committee	H Gaddum	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Continue with a 3 monthly basis of reporting but if any red flags are identified, a full explanation of the background be given at every meeting	Every quarter
Corporate Parenting	Training event	Committee	H Gaddum	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Completed, but as there are new Members, this training session be repeated and offered again to all Members of the Committee.	TBA
Inspections	Committee to be informed of the outcome of any relevant inspections	Head of Children	H Gaddum	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Regular reports from Members who have undertaken Regulation	TBA

Children's Services Performance rating	Report on Performance rating				33 visits Also, regular agenda item to update the Committee on progress on post-inspection action plan.	6 Monthly
Youth Offending Inspection	YOS Action plan to be considered at a future meeting					
Fostering Inspection	Report on the outcome from inspection					
Review of Residential Provision	Task/Finish Group set up and underway	Head of Children and Families/Portfolio Holder	H Gaddum	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Review nearing completion – see covering report for update. G	Final Report expected July 2010
Family Support Services	Task/Finish Group set up	Head of Children and Families/Portfolio Holder	H Gaddum	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East attainment	3 meetings held, next meeting on 1 June 2010	Final report expected December 2010
School Admissions Policy	Formerly TLC. Review completed	Head of Children and Families	H Gaddum	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Committee to be consulted when policies called for in the report prepared by this Committee are developed.	As appropriate
Education Attainment	Headlines submitted when available and detailed analysis to follow	Committee	H Gaddum	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Set up Task and Finish Group to review the work of the multi agency improvement and achievement group	To be set up after completion of Family Support Group

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Early Years Funding Reform	Consultation	Cabinet	H Gaddum	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Arrange a briefing by the Children's directorate on the national formula and the pathfinder status of Cheshire East.	July 2010
Post 16 Transfer of Funding to Local authorities		Head Of Children	H Gaddum	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	No further action recommended at the moment. Put on reserved list for possible action	On hold
Children's centres	Investigation into the role and purpose of Childrens Centres	Committee	H Gaddum	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Included in the scope of task and finish Group on Family Support Services	
Transport for Young People	Access arrangements for young people in education and/or employment.	Committee	H Gaddum	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Arrangements be made for a presentation at a future meeting and provisional Task and Finish Group be set up in the Autumn	TBA
Draft Children's plan/ children's trust	Presentation on current position	Committee	H Gaddum	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Further training agreed at the meeting held on 18 January 2010	TBA, but ASAP

Teenage Pregnancy Reduction	Committee to be kept updated on action taken as a result of the visit by the National support team		H Gaddum	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Report be submitted on the action plan.	Completed
Budget	Scrutiny Consulted on draft budget 2010/2011		H Gaddum	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Committee represented on Budget Consultation Group preparing for the 2011/12 Budget. Chairman to provide regular update reports to Committee.	Ongoing
Analysis of School Performance	Connected with the Educational attainment item	Committee	P Findlow	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	To be included in School attainment (as above)	
School Status Report	New Government policies could significantly influence the status of schools and the relationship with the LEA.		H Gaddum	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Presentation to future meeting on current status	TBA
IT Systems	Review of IT systems as they relate to the redesign of children's services	Committee 22 March 2010	H Gaddum	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	In clued a section on Children's IT systems such as PARIS as part of the briefing on Redesign of Children's Services	TBA
Foster Services	Review of adequacy	Committee 22 March 2010	H Gaddum	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable	Set up Task and Finish Group	To be set up after the

				people in Cheshire East		completion of the Residential provision Task and Finish Group
Connexions – Value for money	Investigation recommended in light of funding reductions in the North West	P Findlow	H Gaddum	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	A Full meeting be reserved to deal with Connexions, in terms of the services provided and the commissioning role of the Council	16 September 2010
Every Child matters	Re visit	Chairman	H Gaddum	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Refresher training session to be arranged	TBA
NEET's –	Availability of schemes for college places entry into employment etc	Councillor Beckford	H Gaddum	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Include as part of the review of connexions	TBA
School Admissions Regulations	Overview of the Regulations	Committee	H Gaddum	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Presentation	27 July 2010