

Children and Families Scrutiny Committee Workplan: June 2010 – December 2010

Portfolio Holder – Hilda Gaddum

Date of Meeting	Topic	Link to Corporate Priorities / Targets	Purpose/Key issues (including origin)	Comments post meeting
1 June 2010	Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) boycott	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East		
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29 June 2010	Consultation on School Re-organisation proposals in Macclesfield	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East		
	Changing policy landscape in children's services	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East		

	Presentation on adoption – prior to a forthcoming inspection of the service	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East		
	Performance – Outturn	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East		
	Corporate Plan	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East		
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27 July 2010	Admissions Regulations	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East		
	Adoption	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East		
	Early years funding reform – briefing on the national formula	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East		
	Informal Meetings	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East		

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7 September 2010	Review of Residential Provision (Task group)	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	To consider and agree the recommendations of the task group	All recommendations agreed and went to cabinet 20.09.10
	Macclesfield High School and Macclesfield School Review	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Following the meeting on 27.07.10 – Committee asked to consider and comment on the evaluation process for considering future options	Evaluation process approved – reports to come back after consultation has ended.
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16 September 2010 (Mid Point meeting)	Performance Monitoring Report – 2010 Exam Results	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	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	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	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	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	To provide the committee with an update	Involve the Committee in the consultation process due in mid-November 2010

	Developments in central government thinking	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Update / Brief	More will be known post CSR – perhaps bring this back to Committee in November?
	Connexions update	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	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				
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16 November 2010				

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7 December 2010				

Possible Future Issues / Items

Item	Corporate Priority / Targets	Suggested Action	Notes
Ongoing issues			
Safeguarding and Redesign of Children's Services	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	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	Last update provided 16.09.10
Performance reporting	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	(key exceptions – red/amber and explanations/commentary) to include adoption rates, staffing information and	Wait until new performance reporting style is produced?

		profile of children in Cheshire East	
Inspections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children's Services Performance rating Youth Offending Inspection Fostering Inspection 	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Committee to be informed of the outcome of any relevant inspections Report on Performance rating YOS Action plan to be considered at a future meeting Report on the outcome from inspection	Regular reports from Members who have undertaken Regulation 33 visits Also, regular agenda item to update the Committee on progress on post-inspection action plan. 6 monthly.
Budget	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.	
Corporate Parenting	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Training event	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
Review of Residential Provision	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in	Follow up on recommendations in 6 and 12 months (March & September)	Recommendations went to Cabinet for consideration on 20.09.10

	Cheshire East		
Family Support Services	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Recommendations to come to committee in December	8 Meetings held
School Admissions Policy	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Committee to be consulted when recommendations from the committee begin to be actioned.	Report completed
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	Detailed analysis of 2010 results provided at the mid point meeting 16.09.10
Children's centres	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Investigation into the role and purpose of Children's Centres. Included in the scope of the family support task group – decision to be made whether this should be considered as a separate issue	
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	

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	Update provided 16.09.10
Teenage Pregnancy Reduction	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Committee to be kept updated on action taken as a result of the visit by the National support team Report to be submitted on the action plan.	
School Status Report	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Presentation to future meeting on current status	New Government policies could significantly influence the status of schools and the relationship with the LEA.
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	Include a section on Children's IT systems such as PARIS as part of the briefing on Redesign of Children's Services
Foster Services	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Review of adequacy Possible task and finish group to be set up	
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
Every Child matters	Supporting and Protecting our young and	Revisit – possible refresher training to be arranged	

	vulnerable people in Cheshire East		
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
School Admissions Regulations	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Monitor	Presentation given 27.07.10
Academies	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Presentation to Committee required	Equip Councillors with the pro's and con's of schools moving to academy status
Interventions in schools	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Presentation on what triggers interventions, what actions occur as a consequence and what the results of these are.	
SEN process	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Review in light of recent OFSTED report – possible task group	
Macclesfield High School Review	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	To keep Committee updated after consultation events (possibly on January meeting)	Update provided on 27.07.10 and 07.09.10
Obesity and Diabetes Review		To update the Committee of recommendations and progress against these	

		which relate to children and families.	
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Ongoing items/reviews

Item	Reporting:	Committee Meeting							
		01/06	29/06	27/07	07/09	16/09 (mid point)	19/10	16/10	07/12
REDESIGN OF CHILDENS SERVICES	When Appropriate					X			
PERFORMANCE REPORTING	Quarterly (except in instances of a red flag)								
INDEPENDENT INSPECTIONS OR REVIEWS	When Appropriate								
SAFEGUARDING	When Appropriate								
REGULATION 33	Regular						X		
BUDGET PROCESS	When Appropriate								
REVIEW OF WORK PROGRAMME	Regular			X					

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

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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	8 meetings held so far. Next meeting 5.10.10. Final report expected in December 2010.
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	Potential task group to be set up.
SEN Process	Potential task group to be set up.

Links to Key Documents/Sites

Corporate Plan