

Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

Date:	Monday, 30th January, 2017
Time:	2.00 pm
Venue:	Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

The agenda is divided into 2 parts. Part 1 is taken in the presence of the public and press. Part 2 items will be considered in the absence of the public and press for the reasons indicated on the agenda and in the report.

It should be noted that Part 1 items of Cheshire East Council decision making and Overview and Scrutiny meetings are audio recorded and the recordings will be uploaded to the Council's website

PART 1 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT

1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Declarations of Interest**

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in any item on the agenda.

3. **Whipping Declarations**

To provide an opportunity for Members to declare the existence of a party whip in relation to any item on the agenda

4. **Public Speaking/Open Session**

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A total period of 15 minutes is allocated for members of the public to make a statement(s) on any matter that falls within the remit of the Committee.

Individual members of the public may speak for up to 5 minutes, but the Chairman will decide how the period of time allocated for public speaking will be apportioned, where there are a number of speakers.

Note: In order for officers to undertake any background research, it would be helpful if members of the public contacted the Scrutiny officer listed at the foot of the agenda, at least one working day before the meeting to provide brief details of the matter to be covered.

5. **Neglect/Innovation Fund**

To receive a presentation of the Director of Children Social Care on the outcomes of Project Crewe.

6. **School Organisation Capacity**

To receive a presentation of the Director of Education and 14-19 Skills

7. **Forward Plan** (Pages 3 - 4)

To give consideration to the areas of the forward plan which fall within the remit of the Committee.

8. **Work Programme** (Pages 5 - 16)

To give consideration to the work programme

Key Decision	Decisions to be Taken	Decision Maker	Expected Date of Decision	Proposed Consultation	How to make representation to the decision made	Private/ Confidential and paragraph number
CE 16/17-27 Determination of Local Authority Co-ordinated Scheme and Admission Arrangements 2018/19	To approve the Council's Co-ordinated Scheme and Admission Arrangements for 2018/19.	Cabinet Member for Children and Families	January 2017		Kath O'Dwyer, Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director: People	N/A
CE 16/17-30 Disley Primary School - School Expansion Proposals	Subject to consultation with community stakeholders, to consider the issuing of a public notice on the proposed expansion of Disley Primary School.	Cabinet Member for Children and Families	24 Jan 2017		Jackie Forster	NA

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CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 30 January 2017
Report of: Director of Legal Services
Subject/Title: Work Programme update

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 To review items in the Work Programme listed in the schedule attached, together with any other items suggested by Committee Members.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the work programme be reviewed.
2.2 That the questions relating to CAHMS, attached at Appendix B, be approved

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 It is good practice to agree and review the Work Programme to enable effective management of the Committee's business.

4.0 Wards Affected

- 4.1 All

5.0 Local Ward Members

- 5.1 Not applicable.

6.0 Policy Implications including - Carbon reduction - Health

- 6.1 Not known at this stage.

7.0 Financial Implications

- 7.1 Not known at this stage.

8.0 Legal Implications

- 8.1 None.

9.0 Risk Management

- 9.1 There are no identifiable risks.

10.0 Background and Options

- 10.1 The schedule attached has been updated following the last meeting of the committee.
- 10.2 It has previously been agreed that Members would scrutinise tier 3 and 4 of CAHMS. The proposed questions to ask partners at the meeting scheduled to take place on 26 June 2017 are attached at Appendix B for Members consideration.
- 10.3 Members are asked to review the schedule attached to this report, and if appropriate, add new items or delete items that no longer require any scrutiny activity. When selecting potential topics, Members should have regard to the Council's new three year plan and also to the general criteria listed below, which should be applied to all potential items when considering whether any Scrutiny activity is appropriate.

The following questions should be asked in respect of each potential work programme item:

- Does the issue fall within a corporate priority;
 - Is the issue of key interest to the public;
 - Does the matter relate to a poor or declining performing service for which there is no obvious explanation;
 - Is there a pattern of budgetary overspends;
 - Is it a matter raised by external audit management letters and or audit reports?
 - Is there a high level of dissatisfaction with the service;
- 10.4 If during the assessment process any of the following emerge, then the topic should be rejected:
- The topic is already being addressed elsewhere
 - The matter is subjudice
 - Scrutiny cannot add value or is unlikely to be able to conclude an investigation within the specified timescale

11 *Access to Information*

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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Essential items

Item	Description/purpose of report/comments	Outcome	Lead Officer/organisation/Portfolio Holder	Suggested by	Current position	Key Dates/Deadlines
Emotional Health and Wellbeing - CAHMS	To scrutinise tier 3 and 4 of the service. partners to be invited and answer a series of questions	People live well and for longer	Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director People , Director of Public Health Children and Families Portfolio Holder and Adults health and Leisure Portfolio Holder	The Committee		26 June 2016 List of questions to be agreed on 30 January 2017
Independent Review Officer	Further to meeting held on 31 October, to receive a 6 monthly	A responsible effective and	Deputy Chief Executive and	The Committee	Update report to include details of	26 June 2017

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Annual Report	progress report	efficient organisation	Executive Director People Children and Families Portfolio Holder		the 34 care leavers not in employment or education.	
Budget Report	To review the budget saving within children and families	A responsible effective and efficient organisation	Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director People Children and Families Portfolio Holder			20 January 2017

Monitoring Items

Item	Description/purpose of report/comments	Outcome	Lead Officer/organisation/Portfolio Holder	Suggested by	Current position	Key Dates/Deadlines
Performance Monitoring – C&F Scorecard	Quarterly performance reports	A responsible effective and efficient organisation	Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director	Ofsted	Quarterly	Q3 – 27.03.17

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			People Children and Families Portfolio Holder			
School Improvement/ School capacity		People have the life skills and education they need in order to thrive	Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director People Children and Families Portfolio Holder	The Committee	Validated results 2016.	30 January 2017
SEND Reforms	To scrutinise the implementation of SEND Reforms	People have the life skills and education they need in order to thrive	Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director People Children and Families Portfolio Holder	Director of Children's Services	Task and Finish Review	25 September 2017
Available Walking Routes to Schools	Further to the Call In, to receive an update on the recommendations agreed by Cabinet.		Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director People Children and Families Portfolio	The Committee	Progress report.	26 June 2017

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			Holder			
Children's Centres	To review the February 2016 Council decision to de-designate 4 children's centres, following an informal briefing on 23 June 2016.	People have the life skills and education they need in order to thrive	Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director People Children and Families Portfolio Holder	The Committee		27 March 2017
Corporate Parenting	To review the annual report of the newly a established Corporate Parenting Committee		Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director People , Children and Families Portfolio Holder	The Committee		26 June 2017

Possible Future/ desirable items

Neglect/Innovation Fund (project Crewe) (Jan 2017) and potential Review of Neglect (possibly through a task and finish group) – April 2017. To be considered on 30 January to allow time for the evaluation report to be produced.

Task and Finish Group on the transition process for care leavers (if required following a report to the Corporate parenting committee)

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Removed items

Schools becoming academies

Ofsted Inspection/

Safeguarding –update/ Recruitment & retention of Staff. Social Workers/Review of HR Policies

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CAMHS Questions OSC

1. Can you describe the commissioning arrangements for CAMHS Services in Cheshire East?
2. What is the overall budget for CAMHS in CE 16/17 and how does this compare to 15/16?
3. What additional investment has there been in CAMHS since the Local Transformation Plans were announced in 2015?
4. What is the incidence of mental health difficulties amongst Young People in Cheshire East – do these vary from national incidence figures?
5. Has there been any change in the incidence of young people's mental health difficulties in Cheshire East over recent years?
6. What age range do CAMHS services work with- is there a lower and upper age range and when do young people transition to adult services?
7. Would there be any merit in looking at designing a 0-25 yrs service and what are the structural barriers to doing this now?
8. What is the average age range of CAMHS patients – are we able to intervene early enough or are we responding to acute mental health need?
9. What proportion of referrals to CAMHS do not go on to get a service – Is this because the referrals are inappropriate or because the resources don't exist to meet this demand?
10. Is the level of inappropriate referral a significant issue, what do you think causes this and what is being done to address this?
11. Is there a formal level of need, triage or assessment document that is used to determine which referrals get a service – is this static or does it change over time?
12. What happens to those cases where it is judged that the threshold for a service isn't met?
13. Is there any difference between the service commissioned by the two CCG's in Cheshire East – does this result service being different for young people dependent on CCG investment?
14. What is the current waiting time to receive a service once a referral has been accepted, has this time changed over recent years?
15. There appears to be evidence of significant increases in self harming behaviour nationally – is this the experience in Cheshire East and if so how is this being addressed?
16. What services are available for young children identified as having a Conduct Disorder?
17. The "Future in Mind" report published in 2015 identified five key themes emerged which provide the structure of the report and which the Taskforce consider to be fundamental to creating a system that properly supports the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children and young people. 1. promoting resilience, prevention and early intervention 2. improving access to effective support – a system without tiers 3. care for the most vulnerable 4. accountability and transparency 5. developing the workforce
Clearly CAMHS is not solely responsible for addressing these alone but could you tell us what CWP CAMHS is doing in respect of these themes?
18. What proportion of young people in treatment disengage from services, do we have any insight into the reasons for this?
19. What is the current waiting time for a neurodevelopmental assessment?
20. What services are available for children and young people on the autistic spectrum?
21. What CAMHS services are available out of hours (7 days a week) to support young people discharged from tier 4 provision?
22. What is the average length of stay in tier 4 provision
23. Where is the tier 4 provision located that Cheshire East young people would access?

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