

As of 10/05/2011

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

Portfolio Holder – Hilda Gaddum

Historical Record

Date of Meeting	Agenda Setting Meeting	Topic	Purpose/Key issues (including origin)	Comments post meeting
12 April	17/2/11	Review of Home to School Transport	To consider a report on the consultation process	That a report be brought back to Committee on 31 May 2011
		Children's Centre Programme Re-shaping	To receive a brief on the rationale behind the re-shaping of the Children's centre programme	That a report be brought back to Committee in September 2011 to review the efficacy of the changes.
		Children and Families Compliant Procedures	To inform Members of the data relating to complaints and compliments and to inform them of proposed future changes	Committee noted report
		Fostering Services Review	Members considered the final report of the Task and Finish Group	Members accepted the report and its recommendations which were then referred to Cabinet for consideration.
		Fees and Charges	To inform Members of the proposed changes to fees and charges relating to the Children and Families Committee.	Members received the report.

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31 May 2011				
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28 June 2011				
Date of meeting		Topic	Purpose/Key issues (including origin)	Comments post meeting
26 July 2011				

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20 September 2011				

Next Agenda Setting Meeting: ?

Ongoing items/reviews/Monitoring Papers

Item	Reporting:	Committee Meeting							
		12/4	31/5	28/6	26/7	20/9	18/10	15/11	
REDESIGN OF CHILDENS 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	When Appropriate								
PERFORMANCE REPORTING (key exceptions – red/amber and explanations/commentary) to include adoption rates, staffing information and profile of children in Cheshire East	Quarterly (except in instances of a red flag)								
INDEPENDENT INSPECTIONS OR REVIEWS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Unannounced Inspection • Children Services Performance Rating • Schools Inspection 	Quarterly								
SAFEGUARDING	When Appropriate								
REGULATION 33	Bi-annual			X					
BUDGET PROCESS	When Appropriate								
REVIEW OF WORK PROGRAMME	Regular								
ACADEMIES	Quarterly								
SEN REVIEW (inc. Green Paper)	When Appropriate								
QUALITY ASSURANCE SOCIAL CARE AUDIT	When Appropriate								

Possible Future Issues / Items (Chronology)

Meeting dates:

31 May 2011 28 June 2011 26 July 2011	20 September 2011 18 October 2011 15 November 2011
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Item	Corporate Priority / Targets	Suggested Action	Notes	Due Date and Status
Overview of C&F Department	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Members to be briefed on the background of the department, its functions and future challenges.		May 2011 On track
Adoption Inspection Result	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Members to be updated on the result of the Adoption Inspection and on the resulting action plan – also to decide whether a T&F group is required.		tbc Deferred
Obesity and Diabetes Review	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	To update the Committee of recommendations and progress against these which relate to children and families.	Update received 16.11.2010 Further updates required in 6 months (May 2011)	tbc Deferred
Member Engagement in Social Services Systems	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable	Members to discuss form of this – Feb Work scheduled to	Members agreed approach February 2011.	June 2011 Deferred

	people in Cheshire East	begin in June		
Review of Home to School Transport	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Members to review results of consultation	Item came to mid-point on 15.3.11 and the Committee held on 12.04.11.	Special meeting tbc Deferred
Aiming Higher Report	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Fintan Bradley to attend to brief Members on the content and aims of the Aiming Higher programme when appropriate.	Requested at Committee in February Issues incorporated in future of Langley unit item.	June 2011 Deferred
Virtual Head	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Phil Mellen to attend To provide a brief on his team's role.	Requested at Committee in February	September 2011 On track
Children's Centres – Proposed Changes	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	To update Members on how the changes are working	First report came to Committee in April 2011.	September 2011 On track
Member Engagement in Intervention and Inspection options around education support	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Members to discuss the form of this following a report from Mark Bayley.	Diminishing role for LA – wait until policy details become clearer.	TBC Deferred
Fostering Inspection	Supporting and Protecting our	Review Result when available		tbc

	young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East			
Cross-cutting performance management action plan	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Members to be briefed	Suggested by DoCF at agenda setting meeting (17.2.11) for a future item.	tbc
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 (on hold)	Detailed analysis of 2010 results provided at the mid point meeting 16.09.10	tbc
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 (possibly report on this at a future committee – January/March?)	Update provided 16.09.10	tbc
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 Taking into consideration the Munroe Review	Briefed by Cath Knowles	tbc
Every Child matters	Supporting and	Revisit – possible		tbc

	Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	refresher training to be arranged		
Director of Public Health	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	To attend Committee to explain how they are going to report on children's health issues – particularly teenage pregnancy.		tbc
Government White Paper	Supporting and Protecting our young and vulnerable people in Cheshire East	Items to be brought to Committee when details emerge.		tbc

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
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

Task Groups – potential/current/completed

Title	Progress Notes/Actions
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
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	Recommendations agreed 04.11. Due to go to Cabinet 06.11
Adoption Services	Possibility of Task and Finish Group tbc by Officers – scheduled for May 2011
Langley Unit – Future of new arrangements following closure	Suggested 15.03.11
Health and Looked After Children	Suggested by the Fostering T&F Review
Cared for Children 16 plus service.	Suggested by the Fostering T&F Review

Items for Induction

- LA's relationship with schools
- Corporate Parenting
- Safeguarding