

As of 13/09/2011

Children and Families Scrutiny Committee Workplan: September 2011 – April 2012

Portfolio Holder – Hilda Gaddum

Historical Record

Date of Meeting	Agenda Setting Meeting	Topic	Purpose/Key issues (including origin)	Comments post meeting
26 July 2011		Annual Announced Inspection	To receive a verbal update	That the Director of Children's Services be requested to submit a report at the next meeting of the Committee outlining the findings of the Announced Inspection and the resulting action plan.
		Children & Families Performance Report	To receive an update on the general performance of the service and to pinpoint areas for development	That the newly developed performance scorecard be brought to the Committee on a quarterly basis for review.
		Independent Reviewing Officers Report 10/11 – Annual Report	Members to consider the report and any issues arising from it	That in subsequent years, a summary page be provided in addition to the main report. That a review of the CAMHS

				service in terms of its relationship with Cared For Children be added to the work programme.
		Cheshire East Family Service	Members to be briefed and to consider the CE approach.	That the policy be revisited in six months for review.

Next Agenda Setting Meeting: 4 October 2011

Ongoing items/reviews/Monitoring Papers

Item	Reporting:	Committee Meeting							
		20/9	18/10	15/11	13/12	17/01	14/2	13/3	10/4
PERFORMANCE REPORTING (key exceptions – red/amber and explanations/commentary) to include adoption rates, staffing information and profile of children in Cheshire East	Quarterly	X							
INDEPENDENT INSPECTIONS OR REVIEWS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Unannounced Inspection • Children Services Performance Rating • Schools Inspection 	Quarterly	X							
SAFEGUARDING	When Appropriate								
REGULATION 33	Bi-annual								
BUDGET PROCESS	When Appropriate								
REVIEW OF WORK PROGRAMME	Regular	X							
SEN REVIEW (inc. Green Paper)	When Appropriate								

Possible Future Issues / Items (Chronology)

Meeting dates:

18 October 2011 17 January 2012 13 March 2012	15 November 2011 13 December 2011 14 February 2012 10 April 2012
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Item	Corporate Priority / Targets	Suggested Action	Notes	Due Date and Status
School Organisation Plan	Support our Children and Young People	Members to offer their views as part of the consultation process		October 2011 On track
Disabled Respite Care – including elements of the Aiming Higher Paper	Support our Children and Young People	Members to be briefed on the future direction of respite care.	Requested at Committee in May 2011	October 2011 Deferred
Children's Centres – Proposed Changes	Support our Children and Young People	To update Members on how the changes are working	First report came to Committee in April 2011.	October 2011 Deferred
Virtual Head	Support our Children and Young People	Phil Mellen to attend To provide a brief on his team's role. Also to provide update on the value for money and appropriateness of Out-of-Borough educational settings.	Requested at Committee in February 2011 Value for money element requested in May 2011	October 2011 Deferred
Serious Case Review	Support our	Members to be briefed		October 2011

	Children and Young People	on the results of Ofsted Review and what the service plans to do as a result of it.		Deferred
Children's Trust	Support our Children and Young People	Members to be briefed on what issues are important for young people.	Possible invite Cheshire East Youth MP representatives.	November 2011 Deferred
The future of careers advice following the reduction in the Connexions Service (inc information on the future of Connexions)	Support our Children and Young People	Members to be briefed	Requested at Committee in June 2011	November 2011 On Track
CAMHS Service and Cared for Children	Support our Children and Young People	Members to review	Requested at Committee in July 2011	November 2011 On track
The impact on Council Services following the opening of Academies	Support our Children and Young People	Members to consider	Requested at Committee in June 2011	November 2011 On track
School Organisation Plan	Support our Children and Young People	Results of Consultation	Following up actions from September 2011.	November 2011 On track

Possible future items for consideration:

- Member Engagement in Intervention and Inspection options around education support
- Fostering Inspection
- IT Systems
- Every Child matters
- Director of Public Health inc. work on Obesity and Diabetes
- Regulation 33 training
- Cheshire East Family Service – review in February 2012

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
Aiming Higher Report	13.06.11	Superseded by Disabled Respite Care item.
Member Engagement in Social Services Systems	03.08.11	Superseded by Training session on Contact, Referrals and Assessments

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	Cabinet Response required ASAP
Education attainment	Set up Task and Finish Group to review the work of the multi agency improvement and achievement group	
Foster services	Recommendations agreed 04.11. Went to Cabinet 06.11	Cabinet Response required December 2011
Health and Looked After Children	Discuss with Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee.	To set up with conjunction with the Health and Wellbeing Committee.
Cared for Children 16 plus service.	Set up Membership 28/06/2011 – deferred to January 2012	
Home to School Transport	Following recommendation from Cabinet meeting.	To approve Membership.

Dates of Future Cabinet Meetings

3 October 2011, 31 October 2011, 28 November 2011, 5 December 2011, 9 January 2012, 6 February 2012, 5 March 2012, 2 April 2012 and 30 April 2012.

Dates of Future Council Meetings

13 October 2011, 15 December 2011, 23 February 2012, 19 April 2012 and 16 May 2012.