

As of 7/11/2011

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

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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.
20 September 2011		Management Structure Update	Members top receive verbal update	That a breakdown of responsibilities aligned to each senior manager be distributed to the Committee.
		OFSTED inspection	Members to consider report,	That a special meeting be convened pre 18 October 2011 to discuss in further detail. That congratulations be passed to staff and mgmt at Claremont rd.
		Summary of Schools Performance		Item be added to work programme relating to what CE do to improve underperforming schools.
		Training Requirements		Training sessions on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LA's changing interface with schools and education - Architecture of partnerships.

Next Agenda Setting Meeting: 17 November 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			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					X			
BUDGET PROCESS – summary of budget position update given to Cabinet.	When Appropriate				X				
REVIEW OF WORK PROGRAMME	Regular	X	X	X					

Possible Future Issues / Items (Chronology)

Meeting dates:

Special meeting to be convened (October), 13 December 2011, 17 January 2012, 14 February 2012, 13 March 2012, 10 April 2012

Item	Corporate Priority / Targets	Suggested Action	Notes	Due Date and Status
OFSTED inspection paper	Support our Children and Young People	Members to go over in more detail the paper discussed in September 2011		Special meeting tba
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	December 2011 Deferred from November 2011
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	December 2011 On Track
Out-of-Borough care Placements Task and Finish Report from Lancashire County Council.	Support our Children and Young People	Members to consider		December 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	December 2011 Deferred from October 2011

Possible future items for consideration:

- IT Systems
- Every Child matters
- Director of Public Health inc. work on Obesity and Diabetes (when appointed)
- Cheshire East Family Service – review in February 2012
- Childcare support for working parents
- School Organisation Plan
- Children's Centres Proposed Changes – possibly align with Cheshire East Family Service item
- How safeguarding issues are checked in schools
- Complaints – January 2012?

Training Requirements/Planned sessions

- Local Authorities' changing interface with schools and education
- The architecture of partnerships and consideration of the value they add.
- Site visit to CAT team

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.	Membership approved.
Health and Cared for Children	Following Fostering service review – in partnership with H&W Committee	Membership approved

Dates of Future Cabinet Meetings

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

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