

Children and Young People’s Services Policy and Scrutiny Panel – Work Plan

This Panel will consider issues of significant public concern, areas of poor performance, and areas where members think the Council could provide better value for money

1. CURRENT WORK

Area for investigation	What does the topic include?	Why should panel consider?	How should panel proceed?	Timescale
Child Sexual Exploitation Working Group	The process and transparency of information-sharing; the robustness of processes; the effectiveness of processes and procedures to reduce the risk to children from abuse.	To scrutinise and receive assurance that processes and procedures are fit for purpose in term’s of the Council’s responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.	Working Group: Members: Cllrs Colin Hall, Sonia Russe, Donald Davies, Bob Garner, Catherine Gibbons, Anne Kemp, Linda Knott,	Commenced in October 2014. Report to Panel in March 2015.
School Organisation Group	1. In-depth investigations of proposed school changes 2. Pupil Projections – methodology as applied generally and in particular in respect of new builds, including affordable housing 3. Admission Arrangements Note: School Organisation Working Group redesignated to make clear that it is a standing sub-group of the CYPS Policy and Scrutiny Panel and not a task and finish scrutiny working group.	Corporate Aim: Promoting lifelong learning opportunities Key issues for the public New national Code	Working Group: Cllrs Colin Hall (Chairman), Bob Garner, Catherine Gibbons, Hugh Gregor, Anne Kemp, Sonia Russe, Deborah Yamanaka; Ms Helen Fenn and Mr Justin Templer	Ongoing

Merger of Adult Services and Housing and the Children and Young People's Services Directorates			Workshop for all Councillors held on 25 th November and update session on 18 th June 2014.	The Director of People and Communities will update Members as necessary on issues.
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2. ISSUES AWAITING RESPONSE FROM EXECUTIVE

Area for investigation	Date recommendations were agreed	Expect answer by (first panel meeting two months after recommendations were agreed)
Respite Care and Short Breaks Working Group (Phases1 and2) – (1) to approve the development of an integrated support service for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disability; (2) Panel recommendations taken forward with the continuation of the working group (Phase 2) to monitor the implementation of the procurement process re the contract for Children's Services Short Breaks Commissioning	Phase 1 - 10 th January 2014 Phase 2 – 12 th September 2014	9 th January 2015
Disabled Children and Adults 'Life Course' (Cradle to Grave) Working Group	14 th November 2014	Panel Meeting – 27 th February 2014

3. PROGRESS ON IMPLEMENTING PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Panel Recommendation	Date of Executive's response	Executive actions – implementation progress

4. FOR POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION IN FUTURE

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5. PERFORMANCE MONITORING / ONGOING ISSUES

Item	Dates
Performance and Finance Monitor	Report to each Panel meeting.

Notes

(1) Reports on the following matters will be submitted to the Panel in 2014/15

Written update report to each Panel meeting from Councillor Lisa Pilgrim, Assistant Executive Member

Annual Report from Local Safeguarding Children’s Board – February 2015

Government Green Paper - New SEN Plan - Personal plans for 14-25 year olds. This is a future work plan topic (no earlier than 2014) – as pilot projects are not due to conclude until late in 2013.