

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
<p>Child Sexual Exploitation Working Group</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Working Group: Members up to April 2015: Cllrs Colin Hall, Sonia Russe, Donald Davies, Bob Garner, Catherine Gibbons, Anne Kemp, Linda Knott.</p> <p>The Working Group is approaching the closing stages its investigation (2 more meetings). It is recommended that to enable this to occur, the two continuing Members (Councillors Bob Garner and Donald Davies) plus the Panel Chairman (Councillor Ann Harley) complete the investigation</p>	<p>Commenced in October 2014. Report to Panel in September 2015.</p>

<p>School Organisation Group</p>	<p>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</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Corporate Aim: Promoting lifelong learning opportunities</p> <p>Key issues for the public</p> <p>New national Code</p>	<p>Working Group: Cllrs Colin Hall (Chairman), Bob Garner, Deborah Yamanaka; Added Members - Ms Helen Fenn and Ms Catherine Hostein (Vacancies – 1 Conservative, 1 Labour, 1 Independent)</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Merger of Adult Services and Housing and the Children and Young People’s Services Directorates</p>			<p>Workshop for all Councillors held on 25th November and update session on 18th June 2014.</p>	<p>The Director of People and Communities will update Members as necessary on issues.</p>

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)

3. PROGRESS ON IMPLEMENTING PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Panel Recommendation	Date of Executive's response	Executive actions – implementation progress
Endorsed recommendations of the Life Course Working group		Progress report to Panel meeting 11 th September 2015

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

Reports on the following matters will be submitted to the Panel 2015

Education Provision in North Somerset – A Commissioning Strategy 2015-2018

Increase in Charges for Vacant Seat Payment Scheme for Home to School Transport

Written update report to each Panel meeting from Assistant Executive Member

Annual Report from Local Safeguarding Children's Board – January 2017