

Children and Young People's Services Policy and Scrutiny Panel Work Plan – July 2016

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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
School Organisation Group	<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: The School Organisation Group 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 Ann Harley (Chairman), Donald Davies, Bob Garner, David Oyns, Kate Stowey, Richard Tucker, Martin Williams, Deborah Yamanaka; Added Members - Ms Clare Hudson and Ms Caroline Holstein</p>	<p>Ongoing - to meet three times a year, as required:</p> <p>08/02/16 July 2016 October 2016</p>

<p>Budget Working Group – Foster Carers (see below)</p>	<p><i>To consider-</i> <i>(1) Is there an opportunity to extend directorate savings targets further?</i> <i>(2) What opportunities are there for maximising income?</i> <i>(3) What opportunity is there for re-providing services either through different delivery methods or by using partner agencies?</i></p>	<p><i>To scrutinise the People and Community Directorate budget and in a timely manner, to feed into the 2016/17 budget process.</i></p> <p><i>Budget Scrutiny conducted by way of 3 consecutive briefing sessions for all Councillors</i></p>	<p><i>Working Group Members Councillors Ann Harley, Bob Garner, Donald Davies, Roz Willis, Deborah Yamanaka</i></p>	<p>Reported to Panel in November 2015</p> <p>To focus on specific service area for review and improvement (see below)</p>
<p>In-house Foster Carers (to focus on specific service area for review and improvement)</p>	<p>Task and Finish Group to identify</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) how best to recruit foster carers b) how to provide incentive for them to remain 	<p>North Somerset is experiencing a particular pressure in recruiting and retaining sufficient numbers of in-house foster carers.</p>	<p>Working Group Members: Councillors Mary Blatchford, Donald Davies, Ann Harley, Bob Garner, Kate Stowey</p>	<p>WG meeting 19/02/16</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		To be reviewed in line with Health and Social Care Integration - 2016
Endorsed recommendations of the CSE working group		Members to review Summer 2016

4. FOR POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION IN FUTURE

Area for investigation	What does the topic include?	Why should panel consider?	How should panel proceed?	Timescale
Children looked after in residential care	Understanding the needs of our children in residential care and whether we can provide a better way of meeting their needs	Reduction in demand and preventative services are key areas in keeping spending at a minimum	Task and Finish Group	To be brought forward on the completion of one of the Panel's existing work commitments

5. PERFORMANCE MONITORING / ONGOING ISSUES

Item	Dates
Performance and Finance Monitor	Report to each Panel meeting.
Merger of Adult Services and Housing and the Children and Young People's Services Directorates	The Director of People and Communities will update Members as necessary on issues.
Social Impact Bonds	To consider further updates on the progress of the project prior to a key decision for the Executive on awarding a contract
Strategic Schools Forum budget implications 2016/17 (caveat, National Funding Formula consultation paper due in January 2016)	January Panel meeting (for all Councillors) for 2016/17 budget implications

	Further session agreed for all Councillors in Spring 2016 to raise awareness of the purpose and objectives of the SSF
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Notes - Reports on the following matters will be submitted to the Panel 2016/17

Report to each Panel meeting from Assistant Executive Member

Annual Report from Local Safeguarding Children's Board – October 2016 (to be considered in a session for all Councillors)