

# Children and Young People's Services Policy and Scrutiny Panel

## Work Plan – March 2017

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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
<b>School Organisation Steering Group</b>	<p>1. In-depth investigations of proposed school changes</p> <p>2. Pupil Projections – methodology as applied generally and in particular in respect of new builds, including affordable housing</p> <p>3. Admission Arrangements</p> <p><b>Note:</b> 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>Specific recommendations regarding proposed expansions of Flax Bourton and Winford Schools</p>	<p>Steering Group: Cllrs <u>Ann Harley (Lead Member)</u>, Donald Davies, Bob Garner, David Oyns, Kate Stowey, Richard Tucker, Deborah Yamanaka; Added Members - Ms Clare Hudson and Ms Caroline Holstein</p>	<p><b>Ongoing</b> - to meet three times a year, as required:</p>
<b>School Organisation – Home to School Transport / SEN Task and Finish Working Group</b>	<p>Review of Home to School Transport policy to include</p> <p>1) mainstream</p> <p>2) SEN</p> <p>3) post-16 SEN</p>	<p>An identified need to have an agreed policy framework endorsed by Councillors.</p>	<p>Task and Finish Working Group: Cllrs <u>Donald Davies (Lead Member)</u>, Ann Harley, Bob Garner, David Oyns, Kate Stowey, Richard Tucker, Deborah Yamanaka, Chris Blades (Chairman of SPED)</p>	<p>To be completed by the end of the 2016/17 financial year</p>

<b>In-house Foster Carers (to focus on specific service area for review and improvement)</b>	Task and Finish Group to identify a) how best to recruit foster carers b) how to provide incentive for them to remain Foster Carer Strategy Review	North Somerset is experiencing a particular pressure in recruiting and retaining sufficient numbers of in-house foster carers.	Working Group Members: Cllrs Mary Blatchford, Donald Davies, <u>Ann Harley (Lead Member)</u> , Bob Garner, Kate Stowey	WG meeting 19/02/16 27/10/16  Next meeting April 2017 – to meet with foster carers
<b>White Paper: Educational Excellence Everywhere</b>	To review the potential impact and respond to the proposals in the Government’s White Paper and school funding proposals	To assess the impact the proposals may have in North Somerset and make recommendations as appropriate	Steering Group: Cllrs <u>Ann Harley (Lead Member)</u> , Donald Davies, Bob Garner, Kate Stowey, Richard Tucker, Deborah Yamanaka	Ongoing - Correspondence with North Somerset MPs  Response to DfE consultation

## 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)
None outstanding		

### 3. PROGRESS ON IMPLEMENTING PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Panel Recommendation	Date of Executive's response	Executive actions – implementation progress
Endorsed recommendations of the CSE working group		Reviewed July 2016 Members to review Summer 2017

### 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.
Social Impact Bonds	Implementation monitor following key decision on award of contract taken in 2016

**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 (to be considered in a session for all Councillors)