

Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel Work Programme 2010/11



This table sets out the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel's Work Programme for 2010/11. This Work Programme will be considered at every meeting of the Panel to enable it to respond to issues of concern and incorporate reviews or to comment upon pre-decision items ahead of their consideration by Cabinet/Council.

The work programme table shows items on a meeting by meeting basis, identifying the issue under review, the nature of the scrutiny (pre decision, policy development, issue specific, performance monitoring, partnership related) and the intended outcomes. The last page provides information on items on the Council's Forward Plan that relate to the portfolio of the Panel so that these can be added to the work programme should the Panel wish to.

The Panel is asked to identify any work programme items that would be suitable for the use of an informal preparatory session (or other format) to develop lines of questioning (as recommended by the 2009 review of the scrutiny function).

Scrutiny Support

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Meeting date	Scrutiny Category	Item/issue	how	Lead member/lead officer	Intended outcomes
11 th January	Performance monitoring	Children's Trust implementation – degree of success	Officer /Cabinet member presentation tbc	Paul Ballatt, Head of Commissioning, Strategy and Performance	To receive information, discuss items of concern and make recommendations for improvement
11 th January	Service Review	Review of the operation of school clusters and extended schools feedback	Officer presentation	Jan Martin, Head of Education	To receive information, discuss items of concern and make recommendations for improvement
11 th January	Policy development	Service presentation and implications of Laming Report 2009.	Officer presentation	Cllr Maxi Martin/Paul Ballatt, Head of Commissioning, Strategy and Performance (tbc)	To ensure children are safeguarded effectively
11 th January	Performance monitoring	Key performance indicators	Officer presentation	Michael Sutherland	To identify issues of concern
8 th February	Budget Scrutiny	Budget Scrutiny	Officer report	Grant Miles, Head of Finance	Monitoring of revenue and capital expenditure 2010/2011
22 nd March	Performance monitoring	Standards Report	Officer presentation	Yvette Stanley, Director of Children, Schools and Families	To receive information, discuss items of concern and make recommendations for improvement
22 nd March	Performance monitoring	Educational attainment of under performing groups	Officer presentation	Jan Martin, Head of Education	To receive information, discuss items of concern and make recommendations for improvement
22 nd March	Performance monitoring	Key performance indicators	Officer presentation	Michael Sutherland	To identify issues of concern
22 nd March	Policy review	Differences in inspection framework and outcome of school inspections	Officer presentation	Yvette Stanley, Director, Children Schools and Families	To receive information, discuss items of concern and make recommendations for improvement
22 nd March	Policy development	Report from task group	Member presentation	Cllr Nick Draper, Chair of Task Group	To discuss report and refer to Cabinet