

Children and Young People Work Programme 2011/12



This table sets out the Children and Young People Panel Work Programme for 2011/12 that was agreed by the Panel at its meeting on 15th June 2011. 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 Children and Young People Panel so that these can be added to the work programme should the Commission 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).

The Children and Young People Panel has specific responsibilities regarding Budget and Business Plan Scrutiny and Performance Monitoring for which Lead Members are appointed:

The Performance Monitoring Leads for 2011/12 is Councillor James Holmes

The Budget and Business Plan for 2011/12 is Councillor Richard Hilton

Scrutiny Support

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Please note – performance management and work programme agenda items will included be on all agendas.

Meeting date 18th January 2012 – scrutiny of the budget

Meeting date 18th February 2012

Scrutiny Category	Item/Issue	Format	Lead member/ lead officer	Intended outcomes
Information for Panel	Update on developments and follow up of previous business	Brief Report	Cllr Jeff Hanna	To update Panel
Performance Monitoring	School Standards – <i>this extended item will enable panel to examine performance of Merton's schools in key stage results, attendance and exclusions for academic year 2010-11. Outcomes from Ofsted inspections of schools will also be reported and information provided on support given to schools in advance of inspections and in respect of post inspection action plans. Broader support for raising school standards including the provision of continuing professional development of teaching staff and school leaders will also be considered.</i>	Report	Yvette Stanley, Director of Children, Schools and Families TBC	To receive information, discuss items of concern and make recommendations for improvement
Performance monitoring	Key performance indicators	Report	Michael Sutherland	Performance monitoring
	Draft work programme		Hilary Gullen	

Meeting date 18th April 2012

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Information for Panel	Update on developments and follow up of previous business	Brief Report	Cllr Jeff Hanna	To update Panel
	Children's Trust and Children's Plan – a report will be provided on progress made and the effectiveness of Merton's Children's Trust partnership arrangements in improving outcomes for children and young people. The item will include an overview of progress in implementing Merton's Children and Young People's Plan 2011-12 and specific consideration of partnership arrangements in respect of the provision of family support/preventive services.	Report		
	Update on relevant changes to the NHS – this item will update panel on changes in the commissioning and provision of health services. The report will focus on community health services for children including health visiting, school nursing and speech and language therapy.	Brief Report		
	Brief report on dental registration rates, MMR vaccination rates and how to improve these.	Brief report		
	Task Group Report - Post 16 Career Pathways	Task Group	Cllrs Holmes and Akyiyina	
Performance monitoring	Key performance indicators	Report	Michael Sutherland	Performance monitoring
	Draft work programme			

Informatives :

Members of the panel will be provided with appropriate informatives by email from time to time, and may request that such an informative is placed on a Panel Agenda for scrutiny if they so wish. Areas already identified for this purpose are :

- i. Response to consultation on school funding reform
- ii. Transformation Projects
- iii. Green Paper on SEN
- iv. Speech and Language therapy
- v. Ofsted reports on the LA, when received
- vi. Recurring update on progress of any potential shared service with other local authorities.