Children and Young People Work Programme 2013/14

This table sets out the Children and Young People Panel Work Programme for 2013/14 that was agreed by the Panel at its meeting on 4th July 2013. 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 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 Lead for 2013/14 is
The Budget and Business Plan Lead for 2013/14 is

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

Meeting Date – 4th July 2013

Main Item	Secondary Items	Information Items for Q+A
Elected Member & Departmental Portfolio Priorities - Outlining the portfolio priorities of Cabinet Members and officers' service priorities for 2013-14	**Home Office Peer Review (Gang Culture)** – Update on the Home Office gang culture peer review programme and the impact that the initiative has had. **Transforming Families** – Report on developments and progress of the Transforming Families initiative in Merton	**Update Report** – Developments affecting CSF department since last scrutiny meeting **Performance Report** – Report on 'basket' of performance indicators selected by panel for ongoing monitoring **Provision of Secondary School Places Task Group** – progress update **Work Programme discussion**

Meeting Date – 17th September 2013

Main Item	Secondary Items	Information Items for Q+A
School Places – Progress in providing sufficient and suitable primary and special school places	**Provision of Secondary School Places Task Group** – Final report from the 2012-13 task group on the provision of secondary school places. **Permanency and Adoption Update** – An update on the permanency and adoption service following the recent Ofsted inspection **School Leadership Succession Task Group** – scoping report	**Update Report** – including Home Office Peer Review (Gang Culture) Action Plan / monitoring report. **Performance Report** **Performance Monitoring** – update on previous Task Group Reviews

Meeting Date – 6th November 2013

Main Items (~90 mins)	Secondary Item	Information Items for Q+A
Safeguarding – Progress report on safeguarding services **Looked After Children –** Progress report, including narrative on LAC achievement **Early Intervention and Prevention –** Update on strategy to increase the targeting and impact of Merton's early intervention and prevention services	**CSF Business Plan 2014-2018 Proposals –** Discussion of budget/business plan with officers and section heads.	**Update Report** **Performance Report**

Meeting Date – 14th January 2014

Main Item	Secondary Items	Information Items for Q+A
CSF Budget Proposals – to include savings and growth proposals for 2014-15 and updates on service reviews/transformation projects	**Children and Families Bill –** Discussion of the implications of the national Children and Families Bill **Transforming Families Progress Update –** Update from Children's Social Care on the status and impact so far of the Transforming Families programme	**Update Report** **Performance Report**

Meeting Date – 11th February 2014

Main Item	Secondary Items	Information Items for Q+A
School Standards – progress on raising attainment in Merton's schools, and plans for the year ahead	**Free School Meals –** Report on the takeup of free school meals by eligible families. **School Leadership Task Group – final report –** final report of the Task Group examining School Leadership Succession Planning.	**Update Report** **Performance Report**

Meeting Date – 29th April 2014

Main Item	Secondary Items	Information Items for Q+A
Alternative Education – A report on the impact of the previous task group on alternative education.	**Raising the Participation Age –** Report on developments of the initiative to raise the participation age to 18. **Early Years and Children's Centres –** Update on CSF's programme to improve education provision for vulnerable children	**Update Report** **Performance Report**