

Central Bedfordshire Council

CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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Work Programme & Executive Forward Plan

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Purpose of this report

The report provides Members with details of the currently drafted Committee work programme and the latest Executive Forward Plan.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to:

1. Consider and approve the work programme attached, subject to any further amendments it may wish to make, specifically relating to **paragraph 4**;
2. Consider the Executive Forward Plan; and
3. Consider whether it wishes to suggest any further items for the work programme and/or establish any enquiries to assist it in reviewing specific items.

Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme

1. Throughout June and July 2016 residents were encouraged to propose items to be considered by the Council's overview and scrutiny committees.
2. In addition a workshop took place in June 2016 at which Members and partners were invited to propose additional items and to indicate the priorities that they would like to consider throughout 2016/17.
3. Throughout this process Members have been encouraged to adopt several key principles relating to ways of working that were previously agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination Panel, namely:-
 - Minimising duplication
 - Focusing on requested items
 - Focusing on outcomes and the 5-year plan

4. A long-list of items was presented to the OSC at their previous meeting where Members agreed those items they would like to be added to further meetings and in some cases the issues that they would like to consider under each item (detailed in the Minutes of previous meeting). Several items will be the subject of briefing sessions for Members but others are listed below for the Committee to determine which they like to receive as a priority:-
 - Update relating to the legacy project at Kingsland Campus.
 - Children's Services Transformation Programme (as necessary)
 - The speech and language service
 - Information, advice and guidance for school pupils
 - The Education Partnership Vision and the ways in which it supports teacher recruitment.
 - A review of the policy principles relating to school places in light of the expansion of Central Bedfordshire.
 - An update on the disability hubs and the impact of SEND reforms on Central Bedfordshire.
5. This work programme aims to provide a balance of those items on which the Executive would be grateful for a steer in addition to those items that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) has proactively requested to receive.
6. The Committee is requested to consider the work programme and the indicated outcomes at **appendix 1** and to amend or add to it as necessary.

Overview and Scrutiny Task Forces

7. In addition to consideration of the work programme, Members may also wish to consider how each item will be reviewed, i.e. by the Committee itself (over one or a number of Committee meetings) or by establishing a Member Task Force to review an item in greater depth and report back its findings.

Executive Forward Plan

8. Listed below are those items relating specifically to this Committee's terms of reference contained in the latest version of the Executive Forward Plan that are not presently included in the Committee's work programme. The full Executive Forward Plan can be viewed on the Council's website at the link at the end of this report:-

Item	Indicative Exec Meeting date
Refresh of the Partnership Vision for Education	6 December 2016
Commissioning of New School Places in Barton-le-Clay and Marston Moretaine for September 2018 (Consultation)	6 December 2016

Proposal to Change the Age Range of Everton Lower School from 3 - 9 years of age (Lower School) to 3 - 11 years of age (Primary School)	6 December 2016
Determination of the Council's Admission Arrangements for the Academic Year 2018/19	7 February 2017
Commissioning of New School Places in Barton-le-Clay and Marston Moretaine for September 2018 (Outcome of Consultation)	4 April 2017
Non Key Decisions	Indicative Exec Meeting date
Children's Services Transformation Programme	6 December 2016

Corporate Implications

9. The work programme of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will contribute indirectly to all 5 Council priorities. Whilst there are no direct implications arising from this report the implications of proposals will be details in full in each report submitted to the Committee.

Conclusion and next Steps

10. Members are requested to consider and agree the attached work programme, subject to any further amendment/additions they may wish to make and highlight those items within it where they may wish to establish a Task Force to assist the Committee in its work. This will allow officers to plan accordingly but will not preclude further items being added during the course of the year if Members so wish and capacity exists.

Appendices

Appendix 1: OSC work programme

Background Papers

Executive Forward Plan (can be viewed at any time on the Council's website) at the following link:-

<http://centralbeds.moderngov.co.uk/mgListPlans.aspx?RPId=577&RD=0>