
Meeting: Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Date: 16 September 2014
Subject: Work Programme & Executive Forward Plan
Report of: Richard Carr, Chief Executive
Summary: The report provides Members with details of the currently drafted Committee work programme and the latest Executive Forward Plan.

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Public/Exempt: Public
Wards Affected: All
Function of: Council

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

The work programme of the Children's Services Overview & 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 detailed in full in each report submitted to the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

1. **that the Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee**
 - (a) **considers and approves the work programme attached, subject to any further amendments it may wish to make;**
 - (b) **considers the relevant items of the Executive Forward Plan; and**
 - (c) **considers whether it wishes to add any further items to the work programme and/or establish any Task Forces to assist it in reviewing specific items.**

Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme

1. Appended is the currently drafted work programme for the Committee.
2. The Committee is now requested to consider the work programme attached and amend or add to it as necessary.

Overview and Scrutiny Task Forces

3. 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

4. Listed below are those items relating specifically to this Committee's terms of reference contained in the latest version of the Executive's Forward Plan to ensure Members are fully aware of the key issues Executive Members will be taking decisions upon in the coming months. The full Executive Forward plan can be viewed on the Council's website at the link at the end of this report.

Ref	Issue	Indicative Exec Meeting date
1.	Developing the Early Intervention Offer	14 October 2014
2.	Central Bedfordshire Council's Admissions Arrangements and Co-ordinated Scheme	14 October 2014
3.	New School Places in Stotfold	09 December 2014
4.	Central Bedfordshire Council's Admission Arrangements and Co-ordinated Scheme	31 March 2015
Non-Key Decisions		
5.	Q1 Performance Report	14 October 2014
6.	Q2 Budget Monitoring	9 December 2014
7.	Q2 Performance Report	13 January 2015
8.	Budget 2015/16	10 February 2015

Conclusion

5. Members are requested to consider and agree the attached work programme, subject to any further amendments/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.

Appendix A – Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme

Background reports:

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

<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/modgov/mgListPlans.aspx?RPId=577&RD=0>