

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

Committee:	Children and Young People Select Committee
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Report Title:	Work Programme
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. To consider the Committee's forthcoming work programme.

2. Context

2.1 For reference, the annual report of the Children and Young People Select Committee 2012-2013 is reproduced below.

Scrutiny Annual Report: April 2012 to March 2013

Select Committee: Children and Young People

Report of Chairman: Councillor Ray Bolton

Reviews undertaken / outcomes being monitored:

The Committee received an update on the issues surrounding the 2012 GCSE results, which had led to unusually low GCSE English results. Members welcomed the Department's and the Executive Member's response to the situation, and it was agreed that they would be kept informed of further developments as they arose.

Scrutiny of Executive Decisions:

A number of decisions by the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services were considered by the Select Committee prior to the decision being taken. Of particular significance were the annual revenue and capital programmes. A number of other matters that had been subject to decision by the Executive Lead Member were also

reported to the Committee and given consideration, these included: school places, youth services, the school funding formula and the children and young people's plan.

Call-in of Significant Executive Decisions: None in this period.

Scrutiny of Budgets and Performance:

Members pre-scrutinised the revenue and capital budget for 2013/14 onwards at their January 2013 meeting. Members agreed with the recommendations set out to the Executive Member for Children's Services in relation to both the revenue and capital budget.

The Committee regularly received quarterly Budget Monitoring reports and were reassured that the department was successfully managing budgets in a pressurised and difficult environment.

The SACRE Annual Report 2011/12 was considered by the Committee, and it was noted that the Hampshire SACRE was taking on a wider leadership role in organising joint meetings with SACRE committees from other Local Authorities.

In addition to giving particular consideration to issues surrounding GCSE results, the Committee received the annual educational attainment report, noting the particularly high attainment at Key Stage Two.

Policy Review:

The Committee received an update on changes to the present school funding formula which were agreed by the Executive Lead Member following an extensive consultation process. Members heard that while there would not be a reduction to the total amount of money available to schools, individual schools may experience changes as a result of the new distribution.

Members considered and commented on a report regarding Youth Support Services in Hampshire. Members requested a further update 12 months later.

The Committee received and commented on the Children and Young People's Plan 2012-15, noting that it was an umbrella document by nature and focussing in particular on the targets in the Plan.

Questioning and exploring areas of interest and concern:

In September, Members received a presentation on the pioneering work of Teaching Schools which was part of a government drive to encourage schools to increasingly take responsibility for developing and managing improvements in education through school to school support.

The positive impact of the work of EMTAS (Ethnic Minority and Traveller Achievement Service) was presented to the Select Committee, who welcomed the initiative that was being taken in this area and urged the Service to continue to develop, in particular in the area of cross-boundary support.

Upcoming topics:

In light of the County Council elections and potential subsequent changes to the membership of the Committee, it is anticipated that the work programme will be given careful consideration at the first meeting of the new Council. It is expected that the

Committee will continue its strong interest in policy and performance relating to the protection of children and education and that it will continue to provide advice and support to the Executive Lead Member in relation to executive decisions.

3. Recommendation

3.1. That the Select Committee consider and agree the development of a work programme.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Corporate Strategy

<i>Hampshire safer and more secure for all:</i>	(Yes / No)
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<i>Maximising well-being:</i>	(Yes / No)
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<i>Enhancing our quality of place:</i>	(Yes / No)
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

Document

Location

None

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

- 1.1. This is a forward plan of topics under consideration by the Select Committee, therefore this section is not applicable to this work report. The Committee will request appropriate impact assessments to be undertaken should this be relevant for any topic that the Committee is reviewing.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- 2.1. This is a forward plan of topics under consideration by the Select Committee, therefore this section is not applicable to this work report. The Committee will request appropriate impact assessments to be undertaken should this be relevant for any topic that the Committee is reviewing.

3. Climate Change:

- 3.1. How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

This is a forward plan of topics under consideration by the Select Committee, therefore this section is not applicable to this work report. The Committee will consider climate change when approaching topics that impact upon our carbon footprint / energy consumption.

- 3.2. How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

This is a forward plan of topics under consideration by the Select Committee, therefore this section is not applicable to this work report. The Committee will consider climate change when approaching topics that impact upon our carbon footprint / energy consumption.

WORK PROGRAMME – CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SELECT COMMITTEE

Topic	Issue	Reason for inclusion	Status and Outcomes	3 October 2013	22 January 2014	20 March 2014	
Pre-scrutiny items							
Overview items							
Performance and Sustainability							
<p>Scrutiny Review - to scrutinise, in-depth, priority areas agreed by the Committee, and supported by Policy and Resources Select Committee</p>							

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<p>Real-time Scrutiny - <i>to scrutinise light-touch items agreed by the Committee, through working groups or items formal meetings.</i></p>							
<p>Monitoring Scrutiny Outcomes - <i>to examine responses to the Committee's reports or comments and check on subsequent progress.</i></p>							

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Future topics:

Items that the Committee have expressed an interest in that have not been scheduled, or have not been fully discussed by Committee.

School Places	Pressure on school places in the County and Local Authority’s response - School Places Framework and analysis 2012-16
Troubled Families	Impact of Government policy to support group of “troubled families”
Short breaks	Progress of provision through the LA
Children’s Services Budget	Revenue Budget report Quarterly reports. Capital Programme report and updates