

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

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1. Introduction
- 1.1 The updated work programme for the Children and Young People's Select Committee for the coming months is found below:

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:

Equalities Impact Assessment: potential for committee to select issues aimed to reduce inequalities

Impact on Crime and Disorder: None

Climate Change:

How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption? N/A

- **How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts? N/A**

WORK PROGRAMME – CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE’S SELECT COMMITTEE – 2009-10

Overview / Pre-Scrutiny – To maintain an overview of issues relevant to the terms of reference of this committee, and to consider proposed scrutiny topics for inclusion in the work programme.							
Topic	Issue	Lead Member / Officer	Status	15/20 Jan 10	15 Apr 10	14 Jul 10	13 Oct 10
Planning for the Olympics	How HCC and Hampshire Schools are planning to capitalise on opportunities provided by the Games being held in England/London	Julie Amies / Ian Beecham	Deferred until more information available from July meeting to April '10				Present'n
Children’s Services annual Ofsted rating	Annual review and overview of Ofsted inspection framework	Deborah Harkin (team)	Overview briefing – yearly cycle of external reporting	Overview briefing John Coughlan			
14-19 agenda – access to services for this age band (see also NEET item)	From 2 July 09 SC Members interested in how outcomes are improving(or not) for those in this age band who attempt to access services	???	Briefing to focus on outcomes for ‘customers’, rather than changes in policy or processes <i>per se</i>		Short, fact rich report to include roles of Youth Service / Connexions		

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Racial Equality Report (2009)	Report on work in racial equality in Hampshire Schools	Ian Massey	Raises awareness of the pre-emptive work and support provided by the LEA to schools			Briefing	
Parent Partnership Service	Update on what this project has delivered over the last 12 months	Jack Cawthra	It will be possible to report on what difference this project has made one years since its inception		Update report		
Teenage parenting and pregnancy CAA issue (numbers risen in Andover and Winchester, also Gosport)	From 2 July 09 SC Members interested in outcomes, where and why outcomes are improving (or not)	???	Briefing to focus on outcomes for 'customers', rather than changes in policy or processes <i>per se</i>			Report	
SEN Impulse database	A report was received in January 2009 on progress with the development of this database – purpose of which to improve reporting facilities	Fliss Dickenson	It was agreed in January 2009 meeting that a further update would be provided		Update to be provided		

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School Places Plan	School year cycle: related to admissions – how it works	Ann Begley / Martin Goff	Helpful to know how this is managed			Linked overview briefing	
Self assessment of safeguarding and children in care services	Topical, high risk area	Deborah Harkin (team)	New (March 09) self assessment toolkit designed to ensure there is a system in place to learn from child deaths for prevention		Overview briefing		

NEET CAA issue <i>(too many of 16-19 year olds not in EET – especially those leaving care)</i>	What are the challenges for authorities and partnership working?	Deborah Harkin (team)	Difficult Issue of particular concern for parents, young people and communities		Overview briefing		
Children’s Trust / Local Children’s Partnerships	Briefing on what they are, how they work, and scope for involvement and influence?	Deborah Harkin (team)	Some work well for children and young people, others don’t – important they should add value				Briefing
Locality Partnership – schools & partners working together	Concern about the strength of locality partnership between schools and partners around social housing	Deborah Harkin (team)?	Issue raised by members from local experience?			Report / present’n	

	and other social issues that affect children's education – incl. Capacity of SWIFT/IT (District Councils have duty to co-operate re access to social housing)						
CYPP annual progress review	Opportunity to know about and comment on the annual refresh of the Children and Young People Plan	Deborah Harkin (team)	To understand about the direction and priorities regarding services for CYP – and comment on?			Report -- Review of plan / refresh	
Performance Report	Integrated performance report 09/10 to end of year	Deborah Harkin (team)	Opportunity to gain better understanding on department's performance		Report / Present'n		

Scrutiny – to scrutinise priority areas agreed by the Committee							
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Joint Scrutiny of Therapy Services for Disabled Children (with HOSC)	2005 Health Review of Therapy Services in Hants 2008 Independent Review of Therapy Services in Hants – this joint work to build on	HCC - Colin Hardy, Vanessa Courtney, Fliss Dickinson PCT – Alex	Approved by this cttee 2 July Approved by HOSC 28 July ? Review Panel formed Review underway		Report (MRC)		

	2008 findings	Berry					

Monitoring Scrutiny & Overview Outcomes – to examine responses to the Committee’s recommendations and monitor progress							
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School Exclusion Review 2008	July report demonstrated positive results from work in parts of county – can this be replicated to all areas?	John Clarke / Colin Diaper	Post review – briefing to be provided in context of ‘exclusions strategy/		Update on Accom and Edu centres	In depth briefing in context of Exclusions Strategy (from Jul meeting – Felicity Roe)	
Recruitment and Retention of teachers / headteachers Review 2008	Response to recommendations to be provided	John Clarke + leads from Governor Services, Education Personnel, HTLC	Detailed response to recommendations provided. Response indicates that Hampshire is one of the leading authorities in England overall in teacher recruitment and retention, and is better placed than many areas with respect to recruitment and retention		Copy of quarterly report to TDA	Briefing on Talent Mgt System and its outcomes	Update on prog in context of Strat Leadsh’p Framew’k

Potential Review Topics/items for scrutiny							
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Note: potential items for work programme

- Children in care: stability and educational attainment
- Teenage pregnancy
- Parenting support
- Integrated youth services

Issues picked up at 8 Oct 2009 CYP SC

- Corporate parenting
- Ofsted: check potential for proposing how Ofsted might balance the current process approach to Children’s Social Services assessment with outcome based criteria (check with JnCoughlan and SteveCrocker for input)
- Risk assessment – include how many elements/silos comprise the ‘virtual team’ providing care to a service user/patient/customer ?
- Does value-add potential exist around investigating how to improve linkage between schools and children’s social services (and other service providers) so as to mitigate the level of risk in safeguarding children ? (see JnCoughlan to formulate the question)
- Is a report required (or does one exist) regarding the functionality and design of the Swift HCI ?

Performance issues not on work programme

- Gap in school attainment (Ofsted) “...the picture is inconsistent for different groups of children and young people, for example the attainment of children in care is low at the end of primary school and a high proportion of care leavers are not in education,

employment or training.” “...gap in attainment between...most children in Hampshire...and children whose circumstances make them more vulnerable.” - **CAA**

- Hampshire has a poor record of knowing what some young people are doing. More than one in six 16-18 year olds ‘dropped off the radar’ – classed as “activity unknown” - **CAA**
- Children and young people with mental health problems – “it isn’t always easy as it should be for young people to access the service” (another service lacking support in the PCT which questions whether convincing evidence for the success of psych therapies? - **CAA**
- Transport availability to get young people in isolated areas to skills, training and education venues “...is still a problem” - **CAA**
- 8/10 children’s homes are good, therefore 2/10 are not. Is there an implication here for Hampshire’s role as ‘corporate parent’ and what is the responsibility of councillors re this? - **CAA**
- Proportion of good primary schools higher than national average, but below the average for similar areas. - **Ofsted**
- Proportion of good or better childminder and childcare settings below average for similar areas. - **Ofsted**
- ***Unacceptably high caseloads in one area of the county – requiring priority action, plus areas for development – Ofsted***
- ***¼ serious case reviews judged to be inadequate – Ofsted***

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- ***Reading among Hampshire Children and Young People (Melanie Saunders, Matthew Haynes, Anne Marley) Requested at David Kirk’s Decision Day Briefing Meeting, that it be brought to Stephen Reid’s attention for Select Committee meeting in January.***

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- ***Educational attainment in Hampshire, 2009: Results and future priorities (suggested referral from John Coughlan)***