

WORK PROGRAMME

5 July 2011

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CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Conservative	Independent	Labour	Non-aligned	Co-opted etc
1. Cllr M Revell (Vice Chair)		1. Cllr A Gaywood (Chair)		Church/governor reps. Not Council appointments
2. Cllr Coxshall		2. Cllr D Hale		
3. Cllr MacPherson		3. Cllr C Kent		
Substitutes		Substitutes	Substitutes	
1. Cllr Carr		1. Cllr W Curtis		
2. Cllr Maney		2.		
3. Cllr Nicklen		3.		

Topic Name	Description of areas to be explored	Why this should be scrutinised	Outcome	Lead Officer	Expected Completion Date
North East Schools Project Plan and South Ockendon	Potential re-shaping of school provision in NE and in South Ockendon	We have projected over-supply of places in these areas (this is contested) Changes to school organisation are community and politically highly sensitive	Shared understanding of the underpinning data Properly tested options Fuller community involvement in the consultation process and decision making	CS	September 2011
Early Intervention Strategy	Analysis of current best practice Analysis of evidence based practice in improving outcomes for children	Resource and policy changes mean a fundamental re-shaping of the service provided to date	CC properly located in an Early Intervention Strategy Resource more effectively targeted to achieve better outcomes for most needy children and families Thurrock Munro compliant	CL/BF	September 2011
VAWG Joint with health and community safety OSCs	National action plan, priority setting for Thurrock	This is a very broad and complex agenda, risk of hobby-horses and failing to tackle the biggest issues	A local action plan owned by all stakeholders	BF	December 2011

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		This needs all partner/system engagement			
CAMHS*	Pattern of current service delivery Comparative analysis with best in class Options to strengthen provision across all tiers/need groups	Provision (with the exception of TAMHS) has not been well regarded and is provider led rather than commissioner led		NS/SMc	November 2011 (?)
Asset Management*		Service has very poor reputation with schools		CS	Sept 2011
SEN	New national policy direction Local SWAT Options locally	Local strategy needed Performance locally variable Cost pressures need to be managed effectively		CL	Sept 2011
Standards Early Years, Primary, Secondary**				CP/CL	Nov 2011
Schools OFSTED gradings**	Progress schools causing concern	Satisfy members that LA intervention and support plans are making the accelerated difference needed to achieve the council's objective of every school a good school			Nov 2011
Safeguarding and Child Protection**	Progress against improvement plans Serious cases	Fulfilling safeguarding responsibility		BF	Jan 2012
Children in Care**	Progress against improvement plans Serious cases	Fulfilling safeguarding responsibility		BF	Jan 2012

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Youth Offending Service**	Progress against improvement plans Serious cases	Fulfilling safeguarding responsibility		JW/BF	Jan 2012
Review & Refresh CYPP*				JO	March 2012
Inclusion & Attendance	New national policy direction Local SWAT Options locally	Local strategy needed Performance locally variable Cost pressures need to be managed effectively		MT/CL	April 2012
PRU and Alternative Provision (MT/CL)	New national policy direction Local SWAT Options locally	Local strategy needed Performance locally variable Cost pressures need to be managed effectively			April 2012
Admissions (joint with Admissions forum)					