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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 / Meeting
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	Agenda item 11 th October 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/Sue Green	TASK & FINISH GROUP – September 2011 Agenda item – to be 11 th October 2011 or December 2011
Children's Centre Consultation		Decision being taken to Cabinet in November		CL/ Sue Green	11 th October 2011
Munro Report	Child protection			Head of Care &	Agenda item

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				<u>Targeted Outcomes</u> BF	11 th October 2011
Budget Proposals	Note – there are scrutiny budget meetings planned separately			All plus Martin Hone	11 th October 2011
Asset Management*		Service has very poor reputation with schools		CS	Sept 2011
Admissions (joint with Admissions forum)	Need to consider timescales regarding changes to Admission strategy/policy			<u>CSCL</u>	Joint Task & Finish Group in <u>October</u> <u>January</u>
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 This needs all partner/system engagement	A local action plan owned by all stakeholders	BF	December 2011
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		BF NS/SMc	December 2011
Governance (School Improvement)	Governance Strategy, implementation, TAG and shared support			CL	Agenda item December 2011
SEN	New national policy direction Local SWAT Options locally	Local strategy needed Performance locally variable Cost pressures need to		CL Briefing note required	TASK & FINISH GROUP – November Agenda item

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		be managed effectively		for members	December 2011
Standards Early Years, Primary, Secondary**				CP/CL Briefing note required in October	Agenda item, December 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		CL <u>Briefing note required in October</u>	December 2011
Alternative Models of Delivery		Presenting report to Cabinet in January 2012		Carmel Littleton	December 2011
Safeguarding and Child Protection**	Progress against improvement plans Serious cases	Fulfilling safeguarding responsibility		BF	1 February 2012
Children in Care**	Progress against improvement plans Serious cases	Fulfilling safeguarding responsibility		BF	1 February 2012
Youth Offending Service**	Progress against improvement plans Serious cases	Fulfilling safeguarding responsibility		JW/BF	1 February 2012
Review & Refresh CYPP*				JO	<u>15-15</u> March 2012
Exclusion & Attendance	New national policy direction Local SWAT Options locally	Local strategy needed Performance locally variable Cost pressures need to be managed effectively		MT/CL	<u>15 March 2012</u> <u>April 2012</u>

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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		CL/ BF Briefing Note requested	<u>15 March 2012</u> April 2012