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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
Early Offer of Help 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/Sue Green	Agenda item December 2011
Children's Centre Consultation		Decision being taken to Cabinet in November		CL/ Sue Green	COMPLETED
Munro Report	Child protection			Head of Care & Targeted Outcomes	COMPLETED
Budget Proposals	Note – there are scrutiny budget meetings planned separately			All plus Martin Hone	22.11.11
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	February 2012

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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		BF NS/SMc	December 2011
Governance (School Improvement)	Governance Strategy, implementation, TAG and shared support			CL	December 2011
SEN	New national policy direction Local SWAT Options locally	Local strategy needed Performance locally variable Cost pressures need to be managed effectively		CL	TASK & FINISH COMPLETED To re-convene when Green paper review released February 2012
Standards Early Years, Primary, Secondary**				CP/CL Briefing note required in October	COMPLETED Briefing note requested re Benchmarking data for comparison with neighbouring local authorities and & national results
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 Briefing note required in October	COMPLETED Members requested full note of all Thurrock schools and their most current Ofsted & LA gradings
Alternative Models of Delivery		Presenting report to Cabinet in January 2012	Test that proposals are robust and all options have been considered	Carmel Littleton	December 2011

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Youth Offending Service**	Progress against improvement plans Serious cases	Fulfilling safeguarding responsibility		JW/BF	December 2011
Safeguarding and Child Protection**	Progress against improvement plans Serious cases	Fulfilling safeguarding responsibility	Assurance threat the most vulnerable children in Thurrock are safeguarded	BF	1 February 2012
LSCB Annual Report	Overview of safeguarding in Thurrock	Quality assurance to independently test practice in Thurrock	Assurance threat the most vulnerable children in Thurrock are safeguarded	BF	1 February 2012
Children in Care**	Progress against improvement plans Serious cases	Fulfilling safeguarding responsibility	Assurance threat the most vulnerable children in Thurrock are safeguarded	BF	1 February 2012
Review & Refresh CYPP*				JO	15 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	15 March 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		CL/ BF Briefing Note	15 March 2012 & visit by Committee members to Primary & Secondary provisions to be arranged following next Ofsted monitoring visit

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Admissions

Joint T&F with Admissions Forum, dates to be fixed by CL; likely to be March/April 2012

SEN – Green Paper review

Task & Finish group to be reconvened to consider results from Green Paper review, likely to be February 2012

VAWG – local strategy

Joint task & finish with Cleaner, Greener, Safer & Health & wellbeing O&S Chairs & Vice Chairs – possibly February 2012 dependant upon draft by Professor Liz Kelly