

DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME
Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny

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Conservative	Independent	Labour	Non-aligned	Co-opted etc
1. J Halden (V Chair)		1. D Hale (Chair)		1. Mr S Cray
2. S Little		2. C Curtis		2. Mr A McPherson
		3. M. Healy		3. Revd D Barlow
		4. C Kent		4. Mrs P Wilson
Substitutes		Substitutes	Substitutes	
1. M. Coxshall		1. O Gerrish		
2.J Redsell		2. S Liddiard		
		3. M Stone		

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Youth Cabinet	Further development and links with O&S	To explore new ways of working	Improve engagement by young people in O&S	Sue Green	Officer	2 July 2013
Grangewaters Alternative Delivery Models	To consider options prior to presenting to Cabinet	To ensure all options have been fully explored	Agreement on recommendations to go to Cabinet	Sue Green	Officer	8 October 2013
School Capital Programme	A review of educational capital building works	Scrutiny will want to be advised of successfully completed projects, progress and other relevant updates	For noting and scrutiny of value for money	Janet Clark	Officer	2 July 2013
Early Offer of Help	An update on the progress of the implementation of the Early Offer of Help including a multi-agency safeguarding hub	To ensure that arrangements in place are effective in identifying and supporting vulnerable children and families	Assurance that the Early Offer of Help in Thurrock improves identification of and support for vulnerable children	Sue Green	Officer	8 October 2013

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	and commissioned services		and families			
Education Summit/Commission	An update on the work of the Education Commission An opportunity for members to contribute to evidence gathering of the Education Commission	The Education Commission has received cross party support to review education in Thurrock, to identify areas of strength and to identify how progress might be accelerated further	Understanding of the progress made by the Education Commission and evidence gathering to further its aims	Vivien Cutler/Carmel Littleton	Officer	Evidence gathering and update on the work of the Commission 2 July 2013 Final report and initial action plan October 2013
School Results/School Performance	An update on results at KS1, KS2, KS4 and post 16	To determine the progress of Thurrock schools and academies	Updated information and scrutiny of outcomes of national assessments and relative performance of schools	Vivien Cutler	Officer	October 2013
Pupil Place Planning	Nursery, primary and secondary school place planning – annual refresh/forecast of numbers of schools places needed	To ensure that pupil place planning continues to be robust and is conducted on a rigorous and sound database	Scrutiny of underlying assumptions of pupil place planning strategy	Janet Clarke	Officer	Early 2014
Troubled Families	Assessment of the success of the programme so far	To ensure the programme is on track and making a	Dissemination of good practice from the programme	Barbara Foster	Officer	tbc

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		real difference to the lives of families in Thurrock				
Contract Monitoring (Funding)						By September 2013
Update on proposed changes to schools transport	Consideration of the changes to school transport funding	To ensure that the council is meeting its statutory obligations and does not disadvantage particular groups in reducing costs and encouraging sustainable means of transport	Feedback prior to consideration by cabinet	Roger Harris	Officer	July 2013
Child Protection Annual Report/or 2 6 monthly reports	Effectiveness of safeguarding of children and young people in Thurrock	To ensure that good service standards are maintained, children are appropriately protected and value for money is secured	Discussion around quality of safeguarding and costs involved leading to greater understanding of factors involved	Barbara Foster	Officer	tbc
LAC/Corporate Parenting annual report	Effectiveness of the measures taken to support children who are looked after	Members should be satisfied that looked after children are getting the best support possible to reach their potential in terms of education, health and all other areas	Members are invited to contribute further ideas to effectively support looked after children in Thurrock	Barbara Foster/Paul Coke	Officer	tbc

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		of development				
YOS annual report	An account of the activity and effectiveness of the Youth Offending Service over the past year	Members need to be satisfied that the Youth Offending Service is effective and making a positive difference to the lives of those referred to it	An analysis of the effectiveness of measures to reduce youth offending	James Waud	Officer	tbc
Annual report of the LSCB	An account of the activity and effectiveness of the Local Safeguarding Children Board over the past year	To ensure that the LSCB is effectively discharging its duties by contributing council scrutiny to the process	Understanding of the effectiveness of the LSCB in undertaking its safeguarding responsibilities	Dave Peplow	Carmel Littleton	tbc
Report of the next SCIE review	To ensure that any lessons are learned from a case examined under the Social Care in Excellence Framework	To ensure that these lessons are understood across Thurrock and shape future provision	Agree recommendations around dissemination of learning and practice	Barbara Foster	Officer	tbc
HWB Strategy and CYPP – 1 year action plan - 6 monthly review of progress	Updated information on the progress and milestones achieved of the Children and Young People's plan – part 2 of the Health and Wellbeing strategy	For members to be satisfied that good progress is being made which matches the priorities set	An analysis of the progress towards meeting the priorities in the health and wellbeing report, part 2 – the Children and young People's plan	Alan Cotgrove/Carmel Littleton	Officer	November 2013

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School funding arrangements	An update on the school funding arrangements following recent national changes in statutory guidance	New funding arrangements have been agreed by Thurrock Schools Forum. The committee will want to oversee its impact on schools	Members of the Committee will have a greater understanding of school funding and be satisfied that the new funding regime is fit for purpose and well embedded	Kay Goodacre	Cllr Hale	October 2013
Budget analysis and savings	Forecast budgets for 2014/5	To analyse where any savings can be made in the coming years	A proposed round of budget reductions and any growth	Janet Clark/Carmel Littleton	Cllr Hale	November - January
Raising the Participation Age action plan		For members to be satisfied that good progress is being made in relation to the new duties concerning raising the participation age and promoting the participation of 16- and 17-year-olds in education or training.	Scrutiny of progress in relation to the new local authority duties towards Raising the Participation Age ensuring improvement in training and education opportunities for young persons in Thurrock	Carmel Littleton	Cllr Halden	TBC
School cooperation		For members to be updated on the different relationships and partnerships	Members of the committee will have an enhanced understanding of the partnerships	Carmel Littleton	Cllr Halden	TBC

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		between schools and academies in supporting each other, and how the council is supporting this process.	between schools /academies and their impact on school improvement.			