

**WORK PROGRAMME**  
**Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

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<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Independent</b>	<b>Labour</b>	<b>Non-aligned</b>	<b>Co-opted etc</b>
1. T Ojetola (V Chair)		1. C Curtis (Chair)		1. Mr S Cray
2. A Roast		2. M Healy		2. Mr A McPherson
		3. C Kent		3. Revd D Barlow
		4. S Shinnick		4. Mrs P Wilson
<b>Substitutes</b>		<b>Substitutes</b>	<b>Substitutes</b>	
1. S MacPherson		1. O Gerrish		
2. J Redsell		2. S Liddiard		
		3. M Stone		

Meeting Dates: 2 July, 8 October (Cancelled), 30 October (Extraordinary), 5 November, 10 December, 28 January 2014, 18 March 2014

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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	<b>Completed</b> 2 July 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	<b>Completed</b> 2 July 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	Feedback prior to consideration by cabinet	Roger Harris	Officer	<b>Completed</b> 2 July 2013

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		of transport				
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	<b>Completed</b> 30 October 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 and commissioned services	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 and families	Sue Green	Officer	<b>Completed</b> 30 October 2013
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	Carmel Littleton	Officer	<b>Completed</b> Evidence gathering and update on the work of the Commission 2 July 2013  Final report and initial action plan <b>October 2013</b>
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	Carmel Littleton	Officer	<b>Completed</b> 30 October 2013
Annual Complaints Report				Rhodri Rowlands	Cllr Halden	<b>Completed</b> 30 October 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		<b>Completed</b> 5 November 2013
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	<b>Completed</b> 5 November 2013
School Capital Programme		A six monthly update on the school capital programme will be presented to Cabinet at their December 2013 meeting		Janet Clark / Angela Hogg	Officer	<b>Completed</b> 5 November 2013
Admissions and appeals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The world with both academies and maintained schools</li> <li>- What the law is around</li> </ul>			Colin Jones		<b>Completed</b> 5 November 2013

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	<p>making sure people are getting their children to schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Managing the issue of very popular schools i.e. Chafford</li> <li>- Catchment areas.</li> </ul>					
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		10 December 2013
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 of development	Members are invited to contribute further ideas to effectively support looked after children in Thurrock	Barbara Foster/Paul Coke	Officer	10 <sup>th</sup> December 2013
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	Scrutiny of progress in relation to the new local authority duties towards Raising the Participation Age ensuring	Carmel Littleton	Cllr Halden	10 December 2013

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		age and promoting the participation of 16- and 17-year-olds in education or training.	improvement in training and education opportunities for young persons in Thurrock			
School cooperation		For members to be updated on the different relationships and partnerships between schools and academies in supporting each other, and how the council is supporting this process.	Members of the committee will have an enhanced understanding of the partnerships between schools /academies and their impact on school improvement.	Mike Peters / Carmel Littleton	Cllr Halden	10 December 2013
Pupil Place Planning / child care sufficiency	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 / Sue Green / Henry Kannike		28 <sup>th</sup> January 2014
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	28 <sup>th</sup> January 2014
Annual report of the	An account of the	To ensure that the	Understanding of	Dave Peplow	Carmel Littleton	28 <sup>th</sup> January 2013

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LSCB	activity and effectiveness of the Local Safeguarding Children Board over the past year	LSCB is effectively discharging its duties by contributing council scrutiny to the process	the effectiveness of the LSCB in undertaking its safeguarding responsibilities			
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	28 <sup>th</sup> January 2013
Education Commission	An update on the work of the Education Commission			Carmel Littleton	Officer	28 <sup>th</sup> January 2013
Palmer's College	Action Plan following OFTSED inspection			Carmel Littleton	Officer	28 <sup>th</sup> January 2013
Youth Cabinet Report				Sue Green / Youth Cabinet	Requested at July 2013 O&S	18 March 2014
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	18 March 2014
Troubled Families Initiative & MASH intervention case studies.	Assessment of the success of the programme so far	To ensure the programme is on track and making a real difference to the lives of families in Thurrock	Dissemination of good practice from the programme	Barbara Foster	Officer	18 March 2014

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Final School Budget				Kay Goodacre / Carmel Littleton	Officer	18 March 2014
Education Commission Final Report	Final report and update			Carmel Littleton	Officer	18 March 2014