

WORK PROGRAMME
Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Conservative	Independent	Labour	UKIP	Co-opted
Cllr Halden		Cllr Gupta	Cllr Gamester	1. Mrs P Wilson (Roman Catholic Church Representative)
Cllr S Little		Cllr Pothecary		
		Cllr Baldwin		
				2. Reverend D Barlow (Church of England Representative)
				3. Myra Potter (Parent Governor Representative)
				4. Sarah Sanders (Parent Governor Representative)

Meeting Dates: 14 July 2015, 15th September 2015, 10 November 2015, 19th January 2016, 9 February 2016, 8 March 2016.

Topic Name	Description of areas to be explored	Why this should be scrutinised	Outcome	Lead Officer	Brought to Committee by (Officer/ Member/ Statutory Reason)
14 July 2015					
Education Commission Update and Supporting Schools				Carmel Littleton	Member
Youth Offending Service update in Corringham				James Waud	Member
Serious Case Review Update Actions from Julia				Andrew Carter	Officer
Adoption and Permanence Partnership				Sue Green	Officer
Shaping the Council Budget update	Details of budget area to be confirmed			Sean Clark / Carmel Littleton	Officer
15th September 2015					
Serious Case Review Update for Megan and Julia				Andrew Carter	Officer

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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	Malcolm Taylor / Sue Green	Officer
Nursery Provision in East Tilbury.				Carmel Littleton/ Roger Edwardson	Member
Shaping the Council Budget update (if applicable) required	Details of budget area to be confirmed			Sean Clark / Carmel Littleton	Officer
Child Sexual exploitation Action Plan				Andrew Carter	Officer
Education Transport – Proposed changes to Denominational Transport.				Temi Fawehinmi	Officer
15 October 2015					
School Transport					Member
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
Annual Childcare Sufficiency					
Pupil premium	To hear how the pupil premium is being used to improve outcomes, with a focus on the work at Hathaway and Harris in regards to mentoring troubled youths				
Shaping the Council Budget update (if applicable) required	Details of budget area to be confirmed			Sean Clark / Carmel Littleton	Officer
10 November 2015					
School on School improvement-					Member

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Scrutinise the impact					
Multi Academy Trust Relationships					Member
Work placements and the pathway into work for young people in Thurrock				Carmel Littleton / Kenna-Victoria Martin/ Michele Lucas	
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
Shaping the Council Budget update (if applicable)	Details of budget area to be confirmed			Sean Clark / Carmel Littleton	Officer
19 January 2016					
Shaping the Council Budget update (if applicable)	Details of budget area to be confirmed			Sean Clark / Carmel Littleton	Officer
Children's Social Care – Statutory Complaints Annual Report				Rhodri Rowlands	
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	Alan Cotgrove	
9 February 2016					
EOH, troubled families and MASH intervention update and impact assessment and Troubled Families Initiative Phase 2 Launch	Update on the project Impact and success	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	Sue Green/ Andrew Carter	Officer

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Update on the commissioning out of Local Authority day nurseries in Tilbury					Member
Changes to Library Provisions					Member
University Attendance Rates					Member
Shaping the Council Budget update (if applicable)	Details of budget area to be confirmed			Sean Clark / Carmel Littleton	Officer
Child Mental Health				Andrew Carter	Officer
Cultural Entitlement				Carmel Littleton	Member
8 March 2016					
Pupil Place Planning				Janet Clark / Carmel Littleton	Member
Supporting Parents returning to work					Member
Shaping the Council Budget update (if applicable)	Details of budget area to be confirmed			Sean Clark / Carmel Littleton	Officer
Admissions Forum Report				Carmel Littleton	Member – requested at meeting on 6 January 2015
Youth Cabinet Report				Michele Lucas / Youth Cabinet	Officer

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Meeting	Pre Meeting
14 th July 2015	6 th July 2015
15 th September 2015	7 th September 2015
10 th November 2015 (Requested to be held at Gable Hall)	2 nd November 2015
19 th January 2016	4 th January 2016
9 th February 2016	1 st February 2016
8 th March 2016	29 th February 2016

Additional Meetings	
Meeting	Date
Additional Session for all members to be briefed on "achieving excellence in child social care".	21 st July 2015
Youth Centre visit with the Committee.	August 7 th
Joint session on the budget – all chairs	Feb 2 nd
Task and Finish Group on work experience / employable future	18 th August 2015

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Recommendations update table				
Recommendation		Author	Date	Update
<u>Education Commission Update</u>				
1	Comments on the progress and achievements of Thurrock schools and partners above be noted		14 July 2015	
2	That the currently funded activity and further developments that it would wish to be taken to further the education standards for all children and young people in Thurrock be noted.		14 July 2015	
3	Science and Maths to be included in the Cultural Entitlement work plan.		14 July 2015	
4	A potential for a survey to return to each school of the original questions that the education commission proposed.		14 July 2015	
5	Organise briefing for December for members what's being done for each school to help the improvement journey.		14 July 2015	
<u>Youth Offending Service function and performance</u>				
1	To note the Overview & Scrutiny Committee comment on the function and performance of the YOS and review plans to address the two areas of improvement as set out in the HMIP Short Quality Screening Report dated 20th May 2015:		14 July 2015	
2	To note that Intervention planning should genuinely involve children and young people and their parents/carers. The plans should be constructed in such a way that they are effective tools to drive successful interventions.		14 July 2015	
3	Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements		14 July 2015	

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	need to be fully understood by all staff and managers.			
4	Chair and Director Children's Services to write to the Police and crime commissioner to request to extend the lease for a longer term on the old Corringham Police Station.		14 July 2015	
<u>Julia - SCR Action Plan Update</u>				
1	To be noted that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee continues to monitor progress against the multi-agency action plan with a particular focus on Children's Services		14 July 2015	
<u>Adoption and Permanence Services Partnership</u>				
1	The comments on the development of a partnership by way of a grant agreement to provide an integrated programme of activity to optimise adoption outcomes for children following the decision at Cabinet on 8 July 2015 to be noted.		14 July 2015	
2	That it be recommended future reports are brought to the Children's Service's Overview and Scrutiny Committee before being referred to Cabinet for decision, and where this is not possible to convene an extraordinary meeting of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny meeting to enhance the scrutiny process.		14 July 2015	
<u>Shaping the Council Budget Update</u>				
1	To note the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS);		14 July 2015	
2	To note the approach to Shaping the Council and budget planning for 2016/17 and beyond including the establishment of a cross-party Budget Review Panel.		14 July 2015	