

Children's Services Committee
Continuity of work in municipal year 2016/2017

As Chairman, I have had a running log of all committee recommendations attached to each meetings work plan so members can monitor the committee's outcomes. This was done because I, and I am sure all members, are determined to make this an active committee with real outcomes. Based on this, there are a few issues that are in progress that must not be lost following the end of the municipal year and changes to the committee following the May 2016 elections.

- Megan Serious Case Review Action Plan – with special focus on members points of concern
- Education Commission – acting on the recommendation of returning to schools originally surveyed as a part of the Education Commission Work to judge how changes in school improvement have changed some of the historic negative feelings towards the Council
- Pupil Premium Work - A conference to be organised to disseminate best practise with regards to the use of the pupil premium to improve educational outcomes
- Reporting back on the implementation of the pathways into employment work (best to be done following the start of the new academic year 2016)
- Reporting back on the letters we had from other councils about serious youth crime, and how we can work better with the police and NHS to share information.
- Update on the spin out of the staff mutual "Inspire", and a Working Group on supporting Care Leavers into work
- Update on the trailblazer programme, focusing on the types of children and backgrounds we are helping in terms of outreach
- Update on the "cost calculator" for the Troubled Families and Early Offer of Help programmes i.e quantify how much money we are saving via early intervention
- A few other issues that were discussed but not yet programmed into the work plan include – the impact of the increase from 15 hours to 30 hours free child social care, supporting coasting schools (following on from our review of the positive work done by Multi Academy Trusts)

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