

Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on 9 March 2016

Electoral Divisions affected: All

Children's Services Scrutiny Committee Draft Work Plan 2016/17

(Appendices A & B refer)

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Executive Summary

A briefing session was held on 9 February to enable members to have a general overview of children's services and discuss potential topics for scrutiny by the Committee. A copy of the notes of the session are attached at Appendix A

It was also agreed by the Chair that a draft work plan be formulated for consideration by the Committee and this is now attached at Appendix B

The topics currently included were identified at the briefing session and suggestions by the Chair of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee.

Recommendation

The Children's Services Scrutiny Committee is asked to note and comment on the report.

Background and Advice

At Full Council on 17 December it was agreed to establish a new "Children's Services Scrutiny Committee", and consequential amendments to the Terms of Reference of the scrutiny committees.

Following the Ofsted inspection in September and October it was proposed to establish an additional scrutiny committee with the remit to consider matters relating to services for children and young people.

The new committee, called the "Children's Services Scrutiny Committee" (CSSC), will operate in addition to the existing committees. Its remit will cover all issues relating to children and young people's services, although specifically education matters will still be reserved for the Education Scrutiny Committee. The

new CSSC will scrutinise services provided by the council and all partners, including the health service. To facilitate the new committee's work in relation to the health service, it is proposed that it be given the statutory powers of an overview and scrutiny committee as they relate to the NHS.

Prior to the first formal meeting of the CSSC on 9 March it was agreed that a briefing session be provided for members to receive background information which included

- Overview of Children's Services
- Summary of the Ofsted inspection/remit of the Post Inspection Improvement Board
- Newton Consultants
- Children's Health Issues

A copy of the notes of the session are attached at Appendix A

In line with all the scrutiny committees a statement of the current status of work being undertaken and considered by the Committee is presented to each meeting for information. For the first meeting of the CSSC a draft work plan has been formulated and is attached at Appendix B.

Consultations

N/A.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

This report has no significant risk implications.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
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N/A.

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A.