

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Work Programme from November 2008

Please note that the work programme is a 'live' document and subject to change at short notice.

The information in this work programme is correct as at 28 October 2008.

The order in which items are listed at this stage may not reflect the order they subsequently appear on the agenda / are dealt with at the scrutiny meeting. Please note that for items marked as 'part 2' it is recommended that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during its consideration in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

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All Meetings start at 6 pm in the Guildhall, Wrexham, unless otherwise stated.

Date of meeting	Subject	Purpose of Report	Reason for Consideration	Responsible Officer / Contact Officer
19 November 2008 Deadline for reports 6 Nov.	Safeguarding and Support Service Activity for Children and Young People	Half yearly Review of Performance of Children and Young People Safeguarding and Support Services. To include progress on the implementation of service improvement measures contained in action plan following the CSSIW inspection as agreed at the meeting held on 21 November 2007.	Internal Performance Monitoring	Chief Safeguarding & Support Officer
	Challenge of Key Measures for Corporate Priorities 2009/10	To consider the key measures used to assess performance of the Corporate Priorities relevant to this Committee in accordance with the process agreed by Executive on 3 June and Corporate Governance & Policy Scrutiny Committee on 4 June 2008. To select a number of key measures used to assess performance of the Corporate Priorities relevant to this Committee in order to challenge the proposed targets at the meeting in February 2008	Pre-decision scrutiny	Chief Finance & Performance Officer
	Estyn Post Inspection Action Plan (PIAP)	To monitor the implementation of the action plan to address the recommendations following the Estyn Inspection of Wrexham Local Education Authority	Internal Performance Monitoring	Chief Learning & Achievement Officer
	Flying Start	To monitor progress of children's development (once children have been identified, to explain how the authority is reaching those children and the impact). Committee asked to be kept updated on	Information Item	Chief Prevention and Inclusion Officer

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		progress at the meeting held on 18 October 2006.		
	Foundation Phase	Due to high level of publicity regarding the funding from the Welsh Assembly Government for the implementation of the scheme from September 2008, Committee agreed at the meeting held on 30 July 2008 to receive an update on the implementation of the scheme in Wrexham Primary Schools	Information Item	Chief Learning and Achievement Officer
26 November 2008 Deadline for reports 13 Nov	Local Service Delivery	Local Service Delivery (zoning and mapping). Further stage of the review of local provision and services for children and young people. The key principles were supported by CYPSC in March 06. Strategic Director has suggested a 20 minute demonstration of the system, followed by discussion on how the system could be used to identify and focus on key areas of provision.	Pre-decision Scrutiny	Strategic Director, Children & Young People
	Budget Proposals 2009/2010	To consider information in relation to the following savings identified at the All Members Budget Workshop held on 21 October 2008. CYP - Learning and Achievement - Demography CYP - Prevention and Inclusion - Education Inclusion, reduction in hours provided.	Pre-decision Scrutiny	Chief Prevention and Inclusion Officer, Chief Learning and

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Children and Family, deletion of vacant post. - Youth Service, vacancy management CYP - Safeguarding and Support - Disability		Achievement Officer, Chief Safeguarding and Support Officer
10 December 2008 Deadline for reports 27 Nov.	Final Exam Results – KS3, GCSE & A Level	To inform members of the final GCSE and A Level performance results at national and LEA level and also quartile information for KS3. (The Principal of Yale College to be invited to the meeting.)	Internal Performance Monitoring	Chief Learning and Achievement Officer
	Secondary Schools Improvement Strategy	To consider the targets in the proposed strategy. At the meeting held on 20 February 2008, it was agreed that these should be over a three or four year period, and should correspond with the annual targets which are included in the department's service plans. As agreed at meeting held on 20 February 2008.	Pre-decision Scrutiny	Chief Learning & Achievement Officer
21 January 2009 Deadline for reports 8 Jan.	Team Around the Child (TAC)	To consider a progress report on the roll out of the scheme throughout the South and Central areas of Wrexham, as requested at the meeting held on 30 July 2008. To be considered earlier if Cymorth funding unsuccessful.	Internal Performance Monitoring	Chief Prevention & Inclusion Officer

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	Head Teacher Debates	To consider a progress report on the action plan arising from the Head Teacher debates in 2006.	Internal Performance Monitoring	Chief Learning & Achievement Officer
	PRU Service Developments	To consider an update on the progress since the new structure for this service was implemented in September 2007. Last progress report submitted to Committee on 20 February 2008. To include an overview of the behaviour of children as requested at the meeting held on 18 July 2007.	Internal Performance Monitoring	Chief Prevention and Inclusion Officer
	Info Outreach Project at Darland High School	To consider the outcome of discussions with the Local Health Board and the North Wales NHS Trust regarding the possibility of them contributing to the costs of rolling out this project to other schools in the County. Requested at meeting held on 16 April 2008.	Pre-decision scrutiny	Chief Prevention and Inclusion Officer
18 February 2009 Deadline for reports 5 Feb.	Challenge of Targets for Key Measures for Corporate Priorities 2009/12 (provisional)	To consider the proposed targets for the key measures used to assess performance of the Corporate Priorities relevant to this Committee as identified at the meeting held on 15 October 2008.	Pre-decision scrutiny	Chief Finance & Performance Officer
	Primary Schools	To consider the next phase of the Primary Review,	Internal	Chief Learning

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	Review	to include consideration of amalgamations/federations of small/rural schools in certain areas, capacity issues, and progress being made to address the issue of surplus places in Primary Schools. Issue arose from consideration of the report on the Primary Schools Review in April 08.	performance monitoring	& Achievement Officer
	Review of Children's Residential Homes	To consider the findings from the Review of the Council's residential provision for Looked After Children (currently at Tanydre). Issue arose from the consideration of the review of out of County placements to be arranged for September 2008, after which a report will be submitted to Committee	Pre-decision Scrutiny	Chief Safeguarding and Support Officer
18 March 2009 Deadline for reports 5 Mar.	Youth Service Review	To consider the findings from the Youth Service Task and Finish Group, as requested at the meeting held on 2 September 2008. To include following performance information:- '%age Youth Service staff undertaking disability awareness training'	Pre-decision Scrutiny	Chief Prevention & Inclusion Officer
15 April 2009 Deadline for	Estyn Post Inspection Action	To monitor the implementation of the action plan to address the recommendations following the Estyn	Internal Performance	Chief Learning &

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reports 2 April	Plan (PIAP)	Inspection of Wrexham Local Education Authority	Monitoring	Achievement Officer
13 May 2009 Deadline for reports 30 Apr.	Safeguarding and Support Services Department Activity and Performance	Half yearly Review of Performance of Children and Young People (Social Care) Service. To include progress on the implementation of service improvement measures contained in action plan following the CSSIW inspection as agreed at the meeting held on 21 November 2007.	Internal Performance Monitoring	Chief Safeguarding & Support Officer
17 June 2009 Deadline for reports 4 June	No items currently scheduled			
15 July 2009 Deadline for reports 2 July	No items currently scheduled			

ITEMS TO BE SCHEDULED

Subject	Responsible Officer / Contact Officer	Purpose of Report	Reason for Consideration	As agreed at meeting held on
School Transition Plans	Chief Learning & Achievement Officer	To consider the strategic document being developed by Officers on school transition planning.	Information Item	17 September 2008.
Subsidised School Transport	Chief Learning & Achievement Officer/Chief Transportation and Asset Management Officer	To consider findings of the School Transport Task and Finish Group in the light of information from the Assembly Government regarding the new capacity assessments for schools. Issue referred to Committee by the Non-statutory Subsidised Transport Task and Finish Group on 25 October 2007 and inconsistencies in the concessionary school transport policy referred to in the recent Estyn inspection of Education services.	Pre-decision Scrutiny	21 November 2007
Housing Support Services for Young People	Chief Housing & Public Protection Officer	To consider the current support arrangements for young people to enable them to secure suitable accommodation. To include information on homelessness and eviction rates in Wrexham. Issue arose from discussion on the Development of the Young Persons' Sheltered Accommodation Scheme.	Information Item	30 July 2008
Development of Young Person's	Chief Housing and Public	To consider a progress report on the development of the scheme at Tai Hafan and also the progress on finding an	Internal Performance	17 September 2008

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Sheltered Accommodation	Protection Officer	appropriate site to develop a further young persons sheltered accommodation scheme for five young people.	Monitoring	
Children and Young People Commissioning Strategy	Chief Prevention and Inclusion Officer	To consider the Strategy with a view to recommending it to the Executive Board in time for its implementation in April 2009.	Pre –decision Scrutiny	15 October 2008
Moderation Arrangements	Chief Learning and Achievement Officer	To receive an update on the consultation responses received to the draft strategic document.	Pre-decision Scrutiny	15 October 2008
Learning Support at Key Stages 1 and 2	Chief Learning and Achievement Officer	To monitor performance in respect of support provided to children struggling to meet the recommended levels at the end of Key Stage 2.	Internal Performance Monitoring	15 October 2008
Young People’s Parliament	Chief Prevention and Inclusion Officer	To consider initial proposals for the possible establishment of a Young People’s Parliament following a request from young people in Wrexham.	Pre-decision Scrutiny	18 June 2008

REGULAR ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

FREQUENCY	ITEM	PURPOSE OF REPORT	REASON FOR CONSIDERATION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER/ CONTACT OFFICER
As and when required	Performance Issues	To consider issues identified by the Performance Monitoring Task and Finish Group, subsequently reported to Finance and Performance Scrutiny Committee (via Co-Chairs Group).	Internal Performance Monitoring	Scrutiny Team/ Co-chairs
Annual September	Provisional exam results	To inform members of the provisional exam results at GCSE and A Level for the period Sept 06 – July 07	Internal Performance Monitoring	Chief Learning & Achievement Officer
Annual November/ December	Budget	An assessment of the impact of the proposed budget pressures / savings relating to Children and Young People Services	Pre-decision Scrutiny	Appropriate Chief Officers
6 monthly (October and April)	Estyn Post Inspection Action Plan (PIAP)	To monitor the implementation of the action plan to address the recommendations following the Estyn Inspection of Wrexham Local Education Authority	Internal Performance Monitoring	Chief Learning & Achievement Officer
Annual November	Teacher Assessments – Key stage 1, 2,	To inform members of the final exam results at Key Stages 1 and 2	Internal Performance Monitoring	Chief Learning & Achievement Officer
6 monthly	Safeguarding and	Half yearly Review of Performance of	Internal	Chief Safeguarding

(May & November)	Support Services Department Activity and Performance	Safeguarding and Support Services to Children and Young People. To include progress on the implementation of service improvement measures contained in action plan following the CSSIW inspection as agreed at the meeting held on 21 November 2007.	Performance Monitoring	& Support Officer
Annual December	Final Exam Results – KS3, GCSE & A Level	To inform members of the final KS3, GCSE and A Level Performance results at national and LEA level. The Principal of Yale College to be invited to the meeting.	Internal Performance Monitoring	Chief Learning and Achievement Officer
Six monthly	Pupil Referral Unit	To monitor the implementation of the action plan following the restructuring of this service. Next progress report due before December 2008, as agreed at the meeting held on 20 February 2008.	Internal Performance Monitoring	Chief Prevention and Inclusion Officer

* Denotes those items which are subject to deadlines, eg, set by Executive, budget timetable, deadlines for responses to consultation documents.