

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Work Programme from September 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 15 July 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
Special meeting (provisional date 4 September 2008)	Youth Service Review	To receive the detailed restructuring proposals to demonstrate how the quality of youth work can be improved. (Suggested this be deferred to the September 2008 meeting).	Pre-decision Scrutiny	Chief Prevention and Inclusion Officer
	Youth Justice Service	To consider the Annual Delivery Plan for the service as suggested by Officers. An all Member Workshop was held on 4 March 2008 to raise Members' awareness of the service.	Internal Performance Monitoring	Chief Prevention and Inclusion Officer
	Anti-bullying Strategy	Suggested by co-chairs. To consider the measures taken by schools to address this issue, both inside and outside the school. Establish links with the Multi-agency task group and consider case studies on best practice.	Pre-decision Scrutiny	Chief Learning & Achievement Officer
17 September 2008 Deadline for reports 4 Sept	Provisional exam results	To inform members of the provisional results at Key Stages 1-3 and GCSE and A Level for the period Sept 06 – July 07.	Internal Performance Monitoring	Chief Learning & Achievement Officer
	Learning Support at Key Stages 1 and 2	Details of support provided to those children who are struggling to meet the recommended achievement levels at the end of Key Stage 2. To include a 10 minute presentation on various	Internal Performance Monitoring	Chief Learning & Achievement Officer

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		support initiatives such as 'Catch up'.		
	Moderation Arrangements	Moderation arrangements for teacher assessments at Key Stages 1 – 3 and how these are used in transition planning.	Internal Performance Monitoring	Chief Learning & Achievement Officer
	Young People's Parliament	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	Chief Prevention and Inclusion Officer
15 October 2008 Deadline for reports 2 Oct.	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
	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
	Challenge of Key	To consider the key measures used to assess	Pre-decision	Chief Finance

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	Measures for Corporate Priorities 2009/10 (provisional)	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	scrutiny	& Performance Officer
19 November 2008 Deadline for reports 6 Nov.	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.	Internal Performance Monitoring	Chief Prevention and Inclusion Officer
	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
	Final Teacher Assessments – Key stages 1 and 2	To inform members of the teacher assessment results at Key Stages 1 and 2.	Internal Performance Monitoring	Chief Learning & Achievement Officer

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10 December 2008 Deadline for reports 27 Nov.	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
	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
	Budget Issues	To consider any specific issues arising from the process of setting the budget for 2009/10.	Pre-decision Scrutiny	Appropriate Chief Officer
21 January 2009 Deadline for reports 8 Jan.	No items currently scheduled			
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
18 March 2009 Deadline for reports 5 Mar.	No items currently scheduled			
15 April 2009 Deadline for reports 2 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
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

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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
Flying Start	Chief Prevention and Inclusion Officer	To monitor progress re: development (once children have been identified to explain how we are reaching those children and the impact). Committee asked to be kept updated on progress. Schedule after April 2008.	Internal Performance Monitoring	18 October 2006
Overview of the Behaviour of Children		Arose from consideration of the review of the former 'Ymlaen' Pupil Referral Unit at the meeting held on 18 July 2007. Members requested an overview of children with behavioural problems, how they are monitored and the involvement with other agencies.	Information	18 July 2007
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.	Pre-decision Scrutiny	16 April 2008
* Review of Children & Young People Externally Commissioned		To consider the findings of the Task and Finish Group which has been established to consider the findings of this review in the light of consultation with the organisation affected. This was referred to the Committee by the Executive at its meeting held on 18 December 2007. Timetabled to report	Pre-decision Scrutiny	20 February 2008

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(Discretionary) Services		back to Executive on 2 September 2008. Will also include the development of a policy for the commissioning of Children and Young People Services.		
Review of Children's Residential Homes	Chief Safeguarding and Support Officer	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 Looked After Children Placement Strategy. All Member workshop on 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	16 April 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
Darland Post Inspection Action Plan	Chief Learning & Achievement Officer	To consider a progress report in the Autumn 2008 on the implementation of the action plan to address the recommendations in the Estyn inspection of Darland High School.	Internal Performance Monitoring	19 March 2008

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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.	Pre-decision Scrutiny	20 February 2008
Performance Issues	Scrutiny Team/ Co-chairs	<p>To consider issues identified by the Performance Monitoring Task Group, subsequently reported to Finance and Performance Scrutiny Committee (via Co-Chairs Group). At Co-Chairs meeting on 10 May 2007, following significantly off track:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • %age Youth Service staff undertaking disability awareness training – Target 25%, output Q14 17% (include in Review of Youth and Community Provision in July 2008?) 	Internal Performance Monitoring	Co-Chairs meeting on 10 May 2007

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.