

Education and Children's Services (2)

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18 June 2015	Serious Case Review – Child T	To review the report of the LSCB to monitor progress on recommendations.	Janet Mokades Cllr Ruane		Recommendations to LSCB re: Housing Providers and functioning boilers.
	Serious Case Review – Child D	To review the report of the LSCB to monitor progress on recommendations.	Janet Mokades Cllr Ruane		
2 July 2015	Support to School Governors	To review the changes to the service provided to support school governors, particularly around training. Changes to be made in September.	Paul Weston Dave Willis Cllr Kershaw	Meeting 23 April 15	A review meeting with Cabinet Member and officers to look in more detail at the policy for appointing local authority governors
	Improvement Board Progress Report from 3 June 15	On-going monitoring of progress against the action plan. To include the numbers of children looked after and those discharged from care.	Yolanda Corden Cllr Ruane	Council 10/4/14	Enquire about holding a meeting at President Kennedy school to find out more about their work on transitions.
	Policy Statement on Delegation Authority for Foster Carers	A recommendation from the task and finish group on Fostering	Jivan Sembi Cllr Ruane	Meeting 26/3/15	
	Progress on ceasing of the school catering service – briefing note update	To consider the progress of the transfer of schools catering from the local authority to other providers as well as considering the option of a social enterprise	Pauline Reading/ Cllr Kershaw	Meeting 12 th Feb 15	Further update following a half term implementation of the new arrangements.
10 September 2015	Progress on implementing Special Educational Need and Disabilities Reforms	A further progress report on the affect that the changes have made.	Jeanette Essex Adrian Coles Cllr Kershaw	27th Nov 2014 SB2 meeting	Members to be involved in young people’s shadow board and pre-consultation events
	Adoption Annual	Progress on Adoption Services	Yolanda Corden		

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	Report		Cllr Ruane		
	Improvement Board Progress Report from 26 August 15 – DfE review report	On-going monitoring of progress against the action plan. To include the numbers of children looked after and those discharged from care and the DfE review report.	Yolanda Corden Cllr Ruane	Council 10/4/14	
8 October 2015	Pupil Premium Uptake – briefing note update	To consider whether the improved communications with schools to encourage parents to apply for the Pupil Premium has been successful.	Ashley Simpson Cllr Kershaw	Meeting 12 th Feb 15	
	Free early year education or childcare funding for 2 year olds – briefing note update	Progress update on uptake of free early years education	Amanda Reynolds, Angela Harley Cllr Kershaw	Meeting 27 th November 2014	
	Quality Assurance – Children’s Placements	To review performance of Children’s Homes that Coventry children are placed in and procedures for what happens if a home is judged inadequate by Ofsted.	Pete Fahey/Sally Giles Cllr Ruane	Chair	
5 November 2015 – to take place at President Kennedy School	Y6-Y7 Transition – President Kennedy Bridge Project	To find out more about how transition from Primary to Secondary schools is supported at President Kennedy.		Meeting 2 July	
	Education progress and school improvement	To look at the attainment of children at Coventry schools from EY to post 16. Also to consider the refreshed improvement strategy and how academies are supported	Kirstin Nelson Anne Brennan Cllr Kershaw	Agenda conference 11/9/15	

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	Improvement Board Progress Report from 2 October 15	On-going monitoring of progress against the action plan. To include the numbers of children looked after and those discharged from care.	John Gregg Cllr Ruane	Council 10/4/14	
25 November	CAMHS re-modelling – joint with Health and Social Care Board (5)	To look at the proposals for the new structure following the re-modelling exercise. A joint meeting with SB5 and to invite the Chair of Warwickshire health scrutiny board.	Jacqueline Barnes Harpal Sohal Cllr Ruane	Meeting 12 th Feb 15	
10 December 2015	Fostering Task and Finish Group Recommendations – progress report	Progress on the recommendations to Cabinet Member for improvement to Fostering Services – to include recruitment and retention information and the Annual Report on Fostering	Jivan Sembi Cllr Ruane	Meeting 26 March 15	
	Early Help and the Children and Families First Service (Early Intervention)	To look at what the local authority is doing to deliver services to those families with low level needs to prevent escalation. Report to include update on Troubled Families phase 2	Francean Doyle Louison Ricketts Cllr Ruane		
	Improvement Board Progress Report from 18 November 15	On-going monitoring of progress against the action plan. To include the numbers of children looked after and those discharged from care. To include contribution from Claire Burgess an advisor to the DfE	John Gregg Cllr Ruane	Council 10/4/14	
	Spend on agency staff	To investigate further the spend on agency staff within the children’s social care work force	John Gregg Cllr Ruane	Chair	
16 December 2015	Serious Case Review – Child S	To review the report of the LSCB to monitor progress on recommendations.	Cat Parker Cllr Ruane		

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	LSCB Annual Report	The Annual Report from the Coventry Safeguarding Children's Board, with progress following the Ofsted inspection. Members requested that the report comes in a timely manner. October/November.	Janet Mokades Cat Parker Cllr Ruane	Meeting 26 March 15	
7 January 2016	Progress report of the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub	Feedback on the findings of the evaluation of the implementation of the Multi- Agency Safeguarding Hub – ensure links with Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee and CSE.	John Gregg Cllr Ruane	May 2014 discussion with Service leads	
	School Place Planning	To look at allocation of school places, and also how the Council plan for the sufficiency of school places.	Ashley Simpson Cllr Kershaw	Agenda conference 11/9/15	
	Process for Appointment of Local Authority Governors	To consider recommendations for a policy on the appointment of elected members to governing bodies.	Cllr Kershaw	Meeting 2 July 2015	
25 February 2016	Children's Social Care Workforce Strategy	To consider the workforce strategy for the social care workforce and to review the impact the position of Principal Social Work has had on the social work workforce. A task and finish group to look at performance management for social care workforce.	Vicky White John Gregg Cllr Ruane	Informal meeting 18/6/15	
	School Improvement and Education Progress	Following their meeting on 5 Nov 15 Members requested a further update on School Improvement work. To also look at the attainment of children at Coventry schools who are risk of underachievement including LAC and	Kirston Nelson Cllr Kershaw	Meeting 5/11/15	

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		Roma children			
	Improvement Board Progress Report from 6 January 16	On-going monitoring of progress against the action plan. To include the numbers of children looked after and those discharged from care.	John Gregg Cllr Ruane	Council 10/4/14	
17 March 2016	Proposed changes to the Library Service	With the proposed changes to library provision, Members would like to know more about the proposals and responses to the Connecting Communities public consultation	Kirston Nelson Peter Barnett Cllr Kershaw	Meeting 23 April 15	
	Improvement Board Progress Report from 17 February 16	On-going monitoring of progress against the action plan. To include the numbers of children looked after and those discharged from care.	John Gregg Cllr Ruane	Council 10/4/14	
14 April 2016					
	Improvement Board Progress Report from 30 March 16	On-going monitoring of progress against the action plan. To include the numbers of children looked after and those discharged from care.	John Gregg Cllr Ruane	Council 10/4/14	
Date to be decided	Preparation for Leaving Care	The Voice of the Child Task and Finish Group raised the issue of independence training and the Chair suggested that it be looked at separately. To include input from foster carers and care leavers as well as Route 21	John Gregg Cllr Ruane	End of Year Review 3rd April 2014	
	Teen pregnancy and PSHE in schools	To consider what schools are doing to support the Teenage Pregnancy Strategy and how the Council is supporting them	Kirston Nelson, Nadia Ingliss Judith Simmonds		
	Barnardo's project –	To look in more detail at this	John Gregg	Meeting 12 th	

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	children missing from care	commissioned project.	Cllr Ruane	Feb 15	
	Voices of Care	To receive an update on activity by the Voice of Care council for Looked After Children at an additional meeting for the VOC to identify.	Sheila Bates Cllr Ruane		
	Consultation on proposed changes to the school transport service.	Following the change in timescales to implementation of changes Members requested that the Board considers the new proposals as part of the new consultation process.	Isabel Merrifield Cllr Kershaw	Meeting 23 April 15	
	Youth Offending Service	An update on progress of the Youth Offending Service	Angie Parks Cllr Kershaw	Meeting 23 April 15	
	Appointment of Local Authority Governors	To consider recommendations for a policy on the appointment of elected members to governing bodies	Cllr Kershaw	Meeting 2 July 2015	
Performance Monitoring					
	Serious Case Reviews	SB2 can request progress on action plans following serious case reviews.	Cllr Ruane		
	Children's Centres Performance				
Next Municipal Year 16/17	Staying Put Policy	To look in more detail at the Staying Put Policy, involving representation from the Foster Carers Association. The report should cover promotion of the policy with young people, children social work support at 18, financial support to Foster Carers.	John Greg Jivan Sembi Cllr Ruane	Meeting 9 December 2015	

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	Early Help Strategy	To receive a progress report on the Early Help Strategy including the Strengthening Families. Also to include hard to engage families (see SCR recommendations)	John Gregg Fran Doyle Cllr Ruane	Meeting 9 December 2015	