

Education and Children's Services (2)

Scrutiny Work Programme 2016/17

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16th June 16	Recruitment and Retention of Social Work Staff (task and finish group)	Members wanted to look in depth at the recruitment of social workers including consideration of reasons for lack of interest in previous recruitment campaigns and remuneration and responsibility levels of social workers. To include reputational factors as well.	John Gregg Cllr Ruane
	Improvement Board - 11 May 2016	A standing item as agreed by Council reporting progress against the areas identified in the improvement notice.	John Gregg Cllr Ruane
21st July 16	SCR	The Board will consider recommendations from a serious case review.	Janet Mokades Cllr Ruane
	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
	Improvement Board - 22 June 16	A standing item as agreed by Council reporting progress against the areas identified in the improvement notice.	John Gregg Cllr Ruane
15th September 16	'Stepping Up' and 'Stepping Down' Process for Social Care cases.	Following the Boards consideration of the SCR on Baby C Members requested more information on the new processes implemented as a result of the recommendations	John Gregg Fran Doyle Nancy Meehan Cllr Ruane
	Quality Assurance Auditing	Following the Boards consideration of the SCR on Baby C Members requested more information on the auditing of case work to ensure consistency and quality of practice	John Gregg Terri Cartwright Cllr Ruane
	Staying Put Arrangements and 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. 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.	John Gregg Jivan Sembi Cllr Ruane
13th October 16	Supervision of Social Care Staff recommendations	A progress report on the recommendations accepted by the Cabinet Member on 14/4/16	John Gregg Cllr Ruane
	Teen pregnancy and	To consider what schools are doing to support the Teenage	Kirston Nelson,

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	PSHE in schools	Pregnancy Strategy and how the Council is supporting them	Nadia Ingliss Judith Simmonds Cllr Maton
	Health Visiting Contract	Members wanted to know more about the current health visiting contract particularly Health Visitors involvement in CAF's.	Cllr Ruane Jane Moore
	Improvement Board Report – 14 September 16	A standing item as agreed by Council reporting progress against the areas identified in the improvement notice.	
10th Nov 16	Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children	Members requested to be kept up to date on numbers of UASC in the city and services to support them. Cabinet Member report for the meeting on the 3 rd November.	Sonia Watson
	Youth Offending Service	An update on progress of the Youth Offending Service including the recent inspection report and subsequent action plan	Georgina Kell Cllr Ruane
	Prevent in schools	To look in more detail how the Prevent agenda is being delivered in schools	Kirston Nelson Cllr Maton
8th December 16	Improvement Board Report – 2 November 16	A standing item as agreed by Council reporting progress against the areas identified in the improvement notice.	John Gregg Cllr Ruane
	Travel Assistance Policy Change – Public Consultation	To consider the consultation document for changes to the policy on travel assistance	Kirston Nelson Cllr Maton Jeanette Essex/Adrian Coles
	Improving and Redesigning City Council Children's Residential Care Provision	Members of the Board will be able to comment on the proposed options as part of the consultation process.	John Gregg Cllr Ruane
12th January 17	LSCB Annual report	The annual report of the local safeguarding children's board	Elizabeth Edwards Cllr Ruane
	Monitoring of SCR recommendations from	The Board wanted to know how the outcomes of recommendations from SCR's are monitored and whether implemented recommendations have been effective in	Elizabeth Edwards Cllr Ruane

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	15/16	protecting children	
	Improvement Board Report – 14 December 16	A standing item as agreed by Council reporting progress against the areas identified in the improvement notice.	John Gregg Cllr Ruane
9th February 17	Improvement Board Report – 25 January 17	A standing item as agreed by Council reporting progress against the areas identified in the improvement notice.	John Gregg Cllr Ruane
	Education Performance Report	An annual report with the headline performance data from schools, including vulnerable groups including children educated out of school and excluded pupils and asylum seeking and refugee children.	Kirston Nelson Cllr Maton
	Academisation Programme, Free Schools and Grammar Schools	The Board wanted to consider the implications of the Government white paper and the proposals for all schools to become academies by 2020. Also to include information on how the Council works with Free Schools as referred from Scruco from a suggestion by a member of the public	Kirston Nelson Cllr Maton
9th March 17	Supervision of Social Care Staff – progress report	Following an item on progress on recommendations at their meeting on 13 th November, Members requested a further update on progress	Lee Pardy-McLaughlin Cllr Ruane
	Health Visiting and the Family Hub Model	Following an item on the Health Visiting contract, Members agreed to a further report on how Health Visiting can complement the Family Hub model	Jane Moore, John Gregg
6th April 17			
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	Changes to adoption agency – progress report	A regional adoption agency has been established. Members wanted a progress report and information on performance	John Gregg Cllr Ruane
	Family Drugs and Alcohol Court – progress report	Progress on the work of the FDAC	John Gregg
	MASH update - progress report 12 Jan 17	Following the meeting in January 2016, Members requested a further progress update, particularly in relation to the recommendations made.	
	Children’s Social Care Workforce Strategy – progress report 9 Feb17	Following the introduction of the Workforce Strategy at their meeting on 25 February, Members requested a further progress report	John Gregg Cllr Ruane
	Early Help Strategy – reported to meeting 21 July	Members requested further progress reports following their meeting on 21 st July 2016	John Gregg Cllr Ruane
	Progress on Audit Findings	<p>At their meeting on 15th September, Members requested regular updates on progress against those areas where audits suggested improvement is required.</p> <p>7. Care planning continues to cause concern, with drift and lack of contingency planning.</p> <p>8. Neglect and “start again” syndrome is highly visible on a high proportion of cases including those held in early help.</p> <p>9. Focus is on assessment, rather than on intervention, impact and outcomes.</p> <p>10. Looked after Children, have too many moves.</p> <p>11. Life Story work continues to be inconsistent.</p> <p>12. Placement sufficiency has a negative impact on the ability of the service to identify appropriate placements for those young people ready for independence.</p> <p>13. Whilst children are being seen, it is sometimes unclear about the purpose of the visit or nature of the intervention.</p>	John Gregg Cllr Ruane

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		14. Recording is still inconsistent 15. Use of chronologies is not routine or properly understood. 16. Supervision is task focused and not reflective.	
	Fostering and Adoption Annual Reports	A regular report on progress on adoption and fostering services.	
Proposed Agenda Items	Voices of Care	Members requested regular updates on the work and benefits of the Voices of Care Council, including the results of surveys with LAC	Sheila Bates
	Young Carers	Referred from the Corporate Parenting Board, to look at support offered to children and young people who are carers, especially those that are children in need, child protection or who come into care because of the health of their parents.	Suzanne Lawlor – Carers Strategy
	Serious Case reviews	The Board will consider recommendations from serious case reviews when they are published. To also include Wisteria Lodge investigation.	Cat Parker/Hardeep Walker Cllr Ruane/Janet Mokades
	Commissioned Services	Members requested further information about commissioned services and how contracts are awarded and monitored, including Barnardo's.	John Gregg/Sally Giles Cllr Ruane
	CAMHS	A follow up and progress report on work done with SB5 last year, especially in terms of prescription drug use. Also a task and finish group to investigate why there significantly high number of referrals through CAMHS on the ASD pathway.	Jacqueline Barnes
	Short Breaks Review	To look in more detail at the provision of short breaks for disabled children	John Gregg Cllr Ruane
	School based police panels	A report on how the police are supporting improving behaviour in schools and tackling anti-social behaviour in partnership	Kirston Nelson Cllr Maton
	SCR – Child F	The Board will consider recommendations from a serious case review.	
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	Corporate Parenting	Looking at the Council's Corporate parenting requirements and	John Gregg

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		how the Council is meeting them. To cover in the first meeting of the municipal year.	