



To: Education and Children's Services

Date: 13th July 2017

Subject: Work Programme 2017-18

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To summarise discussions at the informal meeting of the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Board and agree the work programme for the municipal year 2018-18

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Board are recommended to:
- 1) Agree to establish task and finish groups on
 - a. Retention of Social Workers
 - b. Private Fostering arrangements
 - 2) Consider whether the pending items should be carried forward for 2017-18
 - 3) Agree the work programme in Appendix 1

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 At their informal meeting on 29th July 2017, the Members of the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Board considered information from the Education, Libraries and Adult Learning Services and Children's Services on their priorities and challenges for 2017-18 and proposed areas for Scrutiny work.
- 3.2 As part of the discussions, Members identified the following areas to include in the work programme:
- Special and Alternative Provision including Home Schooling
 - Managing Risk Effectively
 - Private Fostering (task and finish group)
 - Retention of Social Workers (task and finish group)
 - One Strategic Plan updates
 - Education Performance including vulnerable groups
 - Review of the Education Service redesign
 - Children's Services redesign
 - Regional Adoption Agency

4 Pending items

- 4.1 There were several items on the work programme from 2016-17 which hadn't been considered by the Board during the previous year.

4.2 These items are as follows:

Voices of Care	Update from the Look After Children's Council – Voice of Care
Short Breaks Review	To look in more detail at the provision of short breaks for disabled children
School based police panels	A report on how the police are supporting improving behaviour in schools and tackling anti-social behaviour in partnership
Serious Case Reviews	The Board will consider recommendations from serious case reviews when they are published.
SCR – Child F (if available)	The Board will consider recommendations from a serious case review.
Schools Ofsted Reports	Members requested information on how schools with poor Ofsted reports are being supported, using Stoke Park as a case study
World Class Schools Quality Award	President Kennedy School have been awarded this and the Board would like to know more about the process and what it means for the pupils.

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Appendix 1

SB2 Work Programme 2017/18

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Please see page 2 onwards for background to items

29th June 2017 – formal/ informal meeting
Ofsted Inspection Report Informal briefing of the Board
13th July 2017 – 10am
Young Carers Improvement Board Report Work programme briefing note
14th September 2017
LSCB Interim Annual Report -
12th October 2017
Quality of Social Workers -
23rd November 2017
Improvement Board Report – 18 th October 2017 -
11th January 2018
- -
1st March 2018
Improvement Board Report – 10 th January 2018 -
29th March 2018
- -
26th April 2018
Improvement Board Report – 11 th April 2018 -
Date to be determined
Special and Alternative Provision including Home Schooling Managing Risk Effectively Private Fostering Retention of Social Workers One Strategic Plan updates Education Performance including vulnerable groups Review of the Education Service redesign Children's Services redesign Regional Adoption Agency
Pending items
Voices of Care Short Breaks Review School based police panels Serious Case Reviews SCR – Child F (if available) Schools Ofsted Reports World Class Schools Quality Award

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Date	Title	Detail	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer
29th June 2017 – formal/ informal meeting	Ofsted Inspection Report	Following the Ofsted inspection in March, the inspection report is published on 13 th June. This is an opportunity for Members to consider the outcomes of the inspection and the subsequent action plan.	Gail Quinton John Gregg Cllr Ruane
	Informal briefing of the Board	To cover the work areas of the Board plus. Looking at the Council's Corporate parenting requirements and how the Council is meeting them.	
13th July 2017 – 10am	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.	Paul Smith Jon Reading Cllr Ruane Cllr Abbott
	Improvement Board Report	A standing item as agreed by Council reporting progress against the areas identified in the improvement notice, to include follow up from the DfE visit	John Gregg Cllr Ruane
	Work programme briefing note	A follow up from the informal meeting to agree the work programme for the year	Gennie Holmes
14th September 2017	LSCB Interim Annual Report	Members requested to see the interim annual report of the LSCB following their consideration of the Annual Report at their meeting in January 2017	David Peplow Cllr Ruane
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12th October 2017	Quality of Social Workers	A 6 month follow up report from the meeting on 27 th April	Lee Pardy- McLaughlin Cllr Ruane
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23rd November 2017	Improvement Board Report – 18 th October 2017		
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Date	Title	Detail	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer
11th January 2018	-		
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1st March 2018	Improvement Board Report – 10 th January 2018		
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29th March 2018	-		
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26th April 2018	Improvement Board Report – 11 th April 2018		
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Date to be determined	Special and Alternative Provision including Home Schooling	Members requested a report on how children who are home schooled are supported by the LEA and also to discuss whether pupils excluded from school are being home schooled by parents	Kirston Nelson Cllr Maton
	Managing Risk Effectively	Following the recommendations in the Ofsted report, Members want to look more closely at how risk is managed, especially with partner agencies such as health and schools	John Gregg Cllr Ruane
	Private Fostering	Following the recommendations in the Ofsted report Members requested to look in more detail at private fostering arrangements	John Gregg Cllr Ruane
	Retention of Social Workers	Members wanted to establish a task and finish group to look at how the Council can retain the workforce once they are in post	John Gregg Cllr Ruane
	One Strategic Plan updates		
	Education Performance including vulnerable groups		
	Review of the Education Service redesign		

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	Children's Services redesign		
	Regional Adoption Agency		
Pending items	Voices of Care	Update from the Look After Children's Council – Voice of Care	Sheila Bates Cllr Ruane
	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
	Serious Case Reviews	The Board will consider recommendations from serious case reviews when they are published.	Cllr Ruane
	SCR – Child F (if available)	The Board will consider recommendations from a serious case review.	Cllr Ruane David Peplow
	Schools Ofsted Reports	Members requested information on how schools with poor Ofsted reports are being supported, using Stoke Park as a case study	Kirston Nelson Cllr Maton
	World Class Schools Quality Award	President Kennedy School have been awarded this and the Board would like to know more about the process and what it means for the pupils.	Cllr Maton Kirston Nelson President Kennedy pupils