

Open Report on behalf of David O'Connor, Executive Director of Performance and Governance

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| Report to: | Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee |
| Date: | 14 January 2011 |
| Subject: | Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2011 |

Summary:

This item enables the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee to consider its own work programme for the coming year.

Actions Required:

(1) To comment and agree on the content of the work programme, as set out in Appendix A to this report.

(2) To consider and comment on the items from Children's Services listed on the Forward Plan, as set out in Appendix B to this report, and agree whether any item should be brought to the Committee for pre-decision scrutiny.

1. Background

In the work programme attached at Appendix A, the reports have been aligned to one or more of the five Every Child Matter key outcomes, which are listed at the end of Appendix A. Members are asked to note the following changes since the last meeting on 10 December 2010:

- A report on Elective Home Education has been added to the work programme for the meeting on 25 February 2011.
- The report on the Play Strategy which was due to be considered at today's meeting has been rescheduled for the meeting on 8 April 2011 to allow for further consultation in light of changing messages from the government and a lack of clarity on funding.
- Reports on the "Traveller Education Policy and Action Plan Update" and "Improving Access to Post-16 Learning Provision in Lincolnshire – Interim Report" have been added to the work programme for the 13 May 2011 meeting.
- The Narrowing the Gap in Deprived Areas of Lincolnshire Scrutiny Review First Monitoring Update report has been added to the work programme for the meeting on 24 June 2011.

The work programme is in a new format and set out below are the definitions used to describe the types of scrutiny, relating to the items:

Budget Scrutiny - The Committee is scrutinising the previous year's budget, the current year's budget or proposals for the future year's budget.

Pre-Decision Scrutiny - The Committee is scrutinising a proposal, prior to a decision on the proposal by the Executive, the Executive Councillor or a senior officer.

Performance Scrutiny - The Committee is scrutinising periodic performance, issue specific performance or external inspection reports.

Policy Development - The Committee is involved in the development of policy, usually at an early stage, where a range of options are being considered.

Consultation - The Committee is responding to (or making arrangements to respond to) a consultation, either formally or informally. This includes pre-consultation engagement.

Status Report - The Committee is considering a topic for the first time where a specific issue has been raised or members wish to gain a greater understanding.

Update Report - The Committee is scrutinising an item following earlier consideration.

Scrutiny Review Activity - This includes discussion on possible scrutiny review items; finalising the scoping for the review; monitoring or interim reports; approval of the final report; and the response to the report.

2. Conclusion

That consideration is given to the content of this report.

3. Consultation

a) Policy Proofing Actions Required

No policy proofing is required for this report.

4. Appendices

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| These are listed below and attached at the back of the report | |
| Appendix A | Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee Work Programme |
| Appendix B | Children's Services Forward Plan |

5. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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