

Open Report on behalf of the Executive Director, Performance and Governance

Report to:	Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee
Date:	9 September 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

Members are asked to note the following changes to the work programme since the last meeting:

- A report on the Council's Response to the Consultation on a Revised Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) has been added to today's agenda.
- The report on Review of Special Schools - Lincoln City Proposals – Consultation Responses has been deferred from the meeting on 21 October 2011 to the meeting on 2 December 2011 due to a revised timescale for this item. The report will now be considered at the Executive on 6 December 2011.

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

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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CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Theme: "Every Child Matters in Lincolnshire"

Chairman: Councillor S F Williams

Vice Chairman: Councillor J D Hough

Standard Items: Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee 2011 Work Programme

21 October 2011		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Performance Analysis of Looked After Children - Summer 2011	Karen Bailey Looked After Children Education Manager	Update Report
Health White Paper - Impact on Partnership Working in Children's Services	Tony McGinty Joint Assistant Director of Public Health NHS Lincolnshire/LCC	Status Report
Update report on the Narrowing the Gap in Deprived Areas of Lincolnshire Scrutiny Review Action Plan in light of national policy changes	Debbie Barnes Assistant Director	Update Report
Transitions in relation to Children with Disabilities and a pathway to improvement	Meredith Teasdale Head of Disabilities	Status Report
Proposal to merge Gleed Boys and Girls Schools, Spalding	Paul Holmes Head of Property and Technology Management	Pre-decision Scrutiny (Executive on 1 November 2011)
Fit Kids Pilot	Sarah Ferneyhough Lincolnshire Sports Partnership Phil Garner/Lynne McNiven NHS Lincolnshire	Status Report

2 December 2011		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Improving Access to Post-16 Learning Provision Scrutiny Review – Executive Response	Cllr Mrs P Bradwell Executive Councillor for Children's Services including Post-16 Provision	Scrutiny Review Activity

2 December 2011		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Theme Performance: Quarter 2	Debbie Barnes	Performance Scrutiny
Review of Special Schools - Lincoln City Proposals – Consultation Responses	Paul Snook School Improvement Advisor – Strategic Projects	Pre-decision Scrutiny (Executive on 6 December 2011)
Targeted Mental Health in Schools (TaMHS)	Paddy Prince Project Manager - Prevention	Status Report

Items to be Scheduled

- School Sports Partnerships
- Elective Home Education
- Raising Participation

Theme Outcomes

The Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee is aligned to the five **Every Child Matters** key outcomes and the priorities for Lincolnshire:

1. Be Healthy-

- Promote healthy start to life
- Promote healthy lifestyles
- Reduce health inequalities

2. Stay Safe-

- Promote safety, prevent harm and death

3. Enjoy and Achieve-

- Maximise the potential of children and young people through high levels of achievement and attainment
- Ensure children and young people have the confidence, commitment and aspirations to enjoy themselves, benefiting from the wider opportunities available in schools and their community.

4. Make a Positive Contribution-

- Ensure children, young people and families are listened to, informed and are part of making things happen
- Enable children and young people to engage in community activities

5. Economic Wellbeing-

- Prepare all young people to fulfil their potential in education, training and employment

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APPENDIX B

LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – FORWARD PLAN OF DECISIONS RELATING TO CHILDREN'S SERVICES

DEC REF	MATTERS FOR DECISION	DATE OF DECISION	DECISION MAKER	PEOPLE/GROUPS CONSULTED PRIOR TO DECISION	DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED FOR DECISION	HOW TO COMMENT ON THE DECISION BEFORE IT IS MADE AND THE DATE BY WHICH COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED	RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER AND CHIEF OFFICER	KEY DECISION YES/NO	DIVISIONS AFFECTED
01927 ↙	Annual Statement of Post 16 Learning Priorities	04 October 2011	Executive	Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee (09 September 2011)	Report	Comments to Keith Batty	Keith Batty	Yes	All
01936 ↙	Provision of School Support Services	04 October 2011	Executive		Exempt Report	Comments to Chief Executive by 15 September 2011	Peter Duxbury, Executive Director Adults and Children's	Yes	All
01934 ↙	Proposal to close Gleed Boys School and Expansion of Gleed Girls CAL and Tech College and change from Single Sex to Co-Ed (Final Decision)	01 November 2011	Executive	Interested parties of DfE guidance including parents, school staff, neighbouring schools, County, district and Parish Councillors, MPs, Trade Unions and Diocese	Report	In writing to Director of Adult and Children's Services 14 days prior to decision date	Cllr Mrs P A Bradwell and Paul Holmes, Head of Property and Technology Management	Yes	Spalding and surrounding areas
01933 ↙	Special School Provision in Lincoln including Closure of Queens Park School (Final Decision)	06 December 2011	Executive	Interested parties as DfE guidance including parents, school staff, neighbouring schools, Parish, District and County Councillors, MPs, Trade Unions and Diocese.	Report	Comments in writing to the Director of Adults and Children's Services 14 days prior to decision date.	Cllr Mrs P A Bradwell Paul Holmes, Head of Property and Technology Management	Yes	Lincoln and surrounding areas

↙ Indicates new item

ⓘ Indicates amendment to existing item

