

18 June 2012

Agenda Item: 6**REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR, POLICY, PLANNING AND
CORPORATE SERVICES****WORK PROGRAMME****Purpose of the Report**

1. To consider the Committee's work programme for 2012/13.

Information and Advice

2. The County Council requires each committee to maintain a work programme. The work programme will assist the management of the committee's agenda, the scheduling of the committee's business and forward planning. The work programme will be updated and reviewed at each pre-agenda meeting and committee meeting. Any member of the committee is able to suggest items for possible inclusion.
3. The attached work programme has been drafted in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, and includes items which can be anticipated at the present time. Other items will be added to the programme as they are identified.
4. As part of the transparency introduced by the new committee arrangements, committees are expected to review day to day operational decisions made by officers using their delegated powers. It is anticipated that the committee will wish to commission periodic reports on such decisions. The committee is therefore requested to identify activities on which it would like to receive reports for inclusion in the work programme.
5. A further element of transparency is reports from officers on the activity of working groups which relate to this committee's terms of reference. The committee is requested to consider whether it wishes to receive reports on the following groups on which officers are represented:
 - Children's Social Care:-
 - Adoption panels
 - Fostering panels
 - Joint Solutions Forum
 - Looked After Reviews
 - Child Protection Conferences
 - MAPPA
 - MARAC
 - Special Education Needs and Disabilities - High Level Needs Panel

- NLC Management Committee
- Children's Trust Board
- Education Trust Board
- Young People's Board
- District Management groups
- Safeguarding Children's Board
- Schools Forum
- School Admissions Forum

6. It is also expected that the committee will wish to receive regular reports on outside bodies. Administration Committee, which has overall responsibility for outside bodies, will decide which outside bodies should report to which committees. There will be a report to a future meeting about this.
7. The Council has also asked committees to consider whether there are any items identified through the previous scrutiny committees which it would like to include in the work programme. Potential items which are relevant to this committee are:-
 - Key Stage 2/3 dip, changes Key Stage 3/4
 - Gypsy/Traveller Education Issues
 - Child and adolescent mental health
 - Homelessness and Young People
8. There are also a number of reviews which have recently been completed and a response from the Cabinet member is awaited. Responses to the following reviews will be brought to this committee when they are ready:-
 - Appointment and Retention of Governors
 - Child Poverty in Education

Other Options Considered

9. None.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

10. To assist the committee in preparing its work programme.

Statutory and Policy Implications

11. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That:

- 1) the committee's work programme be noted and consideration be given to any changes which the committee wishes to make
- 2) the committee indicate which operational activities it wishes to receive regular reports on
- 3) the committee determine which officer working groups it wishes to receive reports on
- 4) the committee decide which, if any, of the items identified by scrutiny it wishes to include in the work programme.
- 5) it be noted that responses to previous scrutiny reviews which are relevant to this committee will be included in the work programme.

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Constitutional Comments (SLB 30/04/2012)

12. The Committee has authority to consider the matters set out in this report by virtue of its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (PS 2/5/12)

13. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

Background Papers

Report to County Council – 29 March 2012 (published).

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.