

**CHILDREN'S SELECT COMMITTEE  
FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

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YPSS review  Update on the PTI project in Wiltshire, plus the DfE's light-touch review	Children's	Legacy 06/09/12	06/09/12	Scrutiny	Nov-12		Cabinet resolved to close the YPSS in November 2011. The Children's Select Committee received a report at this time plus an update report in March 2012.	Children's attainment is listed as a priority within the Business Plan 2011-15.	Cllr Lionel Grundy Stephanie Denovan	
Children's attainment	Children's	Legacy 12/09/12	17/07/12	Scrutiny	Jan-13		The Committee receives annual pupil performance reports showing children's attainment in Wiltshire (early years to Key Stage 5).  The Committee is also monitoring the devolvement of responsibility for excluded children from the LA to schools (September).	Listed as a priority within the Business Plan 2011-15.  The Committee's concerns around pupil performance have tended to focus on the attainment gaps between all pupils and those with SEN and those on FSM.	Cllr Lionel Grundy Carolyn Godfrey Stephanie Denovan	HP/RB
Family Information Service - Update	Children's	31/07/12	Mar-12	Scrutiny	Mar-13		A review of the Council's Family Information Service in early 2012 concluded that there was significant duplication around provision of information for parents and carers. A new service model was proposed.  A rapid scrutiny exercise undertaken in May 2012 identified concerns regarding the effect of the proposals on delivery. Following receipt of the executive response, the Committee elected to receive the outcomes of the review of the Family Information Service scheduled to be undertaken between January and April 2013.	The Family Information Service (FIS) provides information for parents and carers, child care information and information/advocacy for families with a disabled child or a significant special educational need.  Vulnerable Children is listed as a priority within the Business Plan 2011-15	Cllr Lionel Grundy Julia Cramp	HP/RB
Further Education in the Salisbury Area	Children's	Legacy 12/09/12	17/07/12	Overview - policy development  (Overview task group)	May-13	May-13	Task Group formed in September 2010 following concerns about the number of young people leaving the county for further education in Hampshire.	Established following reports of significant numbers of students from the Salisbury area travelling large distances, often outside of Wiltshire, to access further education, with potential impacts on attainment, quality of life, the environment, numbers of NEETs and the economic vitality of the local area	Cllr Lionel Grundy Stephanie Denovan	
Special Schools and Post-16 SEN	Children's	Legacy 12/09/12	17/07/12	Overview - policy development	On-going	The Committee will decide future work following consideration of the Exec response.	The Special Schools & Post-16 SEN Task Group's recommendations focus on: - Healthcare in special schools - Special school buildings - Post-16 education for those with SEN - Readiness for future demand  The Committee has also been monitoring the review of passenger assistants for those with SEN.	Vulnerable Children is listed as a priority within the Business Plan 2011-15.  Significant attainment gaps between 'all children' and those with SEN.	Cllr Lionel Grundy Stephanie Denovan	HP
Major Contracts	Children's	12/07/12	17/07/12	Scrutiny and policy development - Task Group	Standing		The Major Contracts Task Group reviews the performance of Wiltshire's children's centres annually.  It also reviewed contracts with Quarriers (contract now terminated) and the PFI schools.	Children centres focus on early intervention with Vulnerable children and families, which is a priority within the Business Plan.	Cllr Lionel Grundy Julia Cramp	HP/RB

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Safeguarding children	Children's	Legacy 12/09/12	17/07/12	Scrutiny and policy development (Task Group)	March 2013 (final report)		The Safeguarding Children & Young People Task Group replaced the Placements for LAC Task Group and its remit includes both safeguarding and all matters relating to Looked After Children (LAC).	In March 2012, Wiltshire received an Ofsted grading of 'Inadequate' for its safeguarding services.  The Task Group is working closely with the high-level Safeguarding Improvement Board to ensure improvements are made.	Cllr Lionel Grundy  Carolyn Godfrey  Fiona Fitzpatrick	HP
Raising of the Participation Age (RPA) / Youth unemployment	Children's	Legacy 12/09/12	17/07/12	Overview - policy development	various		The Committee has received a recent update	Youth unemployment is listed as a priority within the Business Plan 2011-15.  Preparing for the Raising of the Participation Age (i.e. ensuring there is appropriate provision for meeting it) is a significant project and will have an impact on youth unemployment	Cllr Lionel Grundy  Carolyn Godfrey  Stephanie Denovan  Alistair Cunningham	HP/RB