

**Childrens' Services Scrutiny Committee – Work Programme (September 2006)**

<b>Main Work Areas</b>	<b>Subjects</b>	<b>Date to Committee</b>
National Procurement Strategy	North Wiltshire Schools PPP/PFI Contract Update Report	November 2006
Children's Workforce Strategy	To receive a report on the Children's Workforce Strategy	November 2006
14 – 19 Curriculum Strategy	<u>The Wiltshire Strategy for 14 – 19 Education &amp; Training</u> Annual Update, including specific mention of the Aim Higher scheme	November 2006
Special Educational Needs	Termly monitoring report on the implementation of the SEN Strategy	November 2006
School Estate Maintenance	To receive an update report on the backlog of repair/maintenance works to school buildings. <b><i>Committee to consider recommending that schools place building maintenance as a higher priority (request from ESD to take in Nov, as Cabinet taking in Oct).</i></b>	November 2006

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Council Budget	Special Joint Meetings of all Main Scrutiny Committees to consider the Leader's draft budget	Late Jan / Early Feb 2007
Schools Forum	To consider a report on the function and performance of the Schools Forum – in particular how it distributes the Direct Schools Grant and manages school surpluses and deficits	March 2007
Future of Small Schools	To review the policy devised to manage the future of small schools, and how this impacts on the long term sustainability of small rural communities	March 2007
Looked After Children	To receive a report detailing the council's corporate parenting activities, highlighting how councillors currently, or could in the future, get involved, with a view to evaluating how all councillors' understanding and appreciation of their responsibilities to looked after children could be improved.	March 2007
Contracted Out Placements	To receive a progress report on recommendations 2.2(a) and 3.1 of the Scrutiny Task Group Report, on current staffing arrangements within the Children & Families Branch, together with options for a restructure	March 2007
The Gender Gap	Update report on outcomes of the National Education Breakthrough Programme for Raising Boys' Attainment	May 2007
Children's Trust	Report from the Children's Trust Board, with details on the Children & Young People Plan and the latest Annual Performance Assessment. <b>Report to also provide an opportunity for the Committee to assess how well the Board functions as a partnership model</b>	May 2007

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Distribution of Resources	80% Silent Majority,,,,,to assess what opportunities are being missed by persisting with the policy of prioritising resources for those with special educational and social needs. To include analysis of need to also value non-academic pupils	May 2007
School Catering	To review progress in implementing the recommendations of the School Catering Scrutiny Task Group report	September 2007
Contracted Out Placements	To review progress in implementing the recommendations of the Contracted Out Placements for Children & Young People Scrutiny Task Group report	September 2007

