

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

<b>Main Work Areas</b>	<b>Subjects</b>	<b>Date to Committee</b>
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	31 <sup>st</sup> January 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.	31 <sup>st</sup> January 2007
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	31 <sup>st</sup> January 2007
Children in Care	Update on the Children's Home Externalisation Project	31 <sup>st</sup> January 2007
Council Budget	Special Joint Meetings of all Main Scrutiny Committees to consider the Leader's draft budget	6 <sup>th</sup> February 2007

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School Transport	Implications arising from the Education Act 2006 for School Passenger Transport	8 <sup>th</sup> March 2007
School Transport	Update on joint travel planning initiatives for the Secondary Schools in Trowbridge	8 <sup>th</sup> 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	8 <sup>th</sup> March 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	8 <sup>th</sup> March 2007
The Gender Gap	Update report on outcomes of the National Education Breakthrough Programme for Raising Boys' Attainment	10 <sup>th</sup> May 2007
School Bullies	Update on Anti Bullying Strategies (including conclusion of Parliamentary Select Committee Inquiry)	10 <sup>th</sup> May 2007
Children's Centres	6 monthly update on the development of Children's Centres in Wiltshire	10 <sup>th</sup> May 2007

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Children's Trust	To comment on the major priorities in the Children & Young People's Plan 2007-08 before the Plan is approved by Council in May 2007	25 <sup>th</sup> July 2007
School Catering	To review progress in implementing the recommendations of the School Catering Scrutiny Task Group report	13 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2007
Contracted Out Placements	To review progress in implementing the recommendations of the Contracted Out Placements for Children & Young People Scrutiny Task Group report	13 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2007
School Performance	Annual Update on Key Findings from Wiltshire School Ofsted Reports	13 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2007
Children's Centres	6 monthly update on the development of Children's Centres in Wiltshire	8 <sup>th</sup> November 2007

