

Childrens' Services Scrutiny Committee – Work Programme (March 2007)

Main Work Areas	Subjects	Date to Committee
Children in Care	Update on the Children's Home Externalisation Project	8 th March 2007
Schools	Interim Contract Performance Update on the N. Wilts Schools PFI Project	8 th March 2007
School Transport	Implications arising from the Education Act 2006 for School Passenger Transport	8 th March 2007
School Transport	Update on joint travel planning initiatives for the Secondary Schools in Trowbridge	8 th 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 th March 2007
Special Educational Needs	To receive a report explaining progress made in finding alternative school places for pupils currently placed at Burton Hill School	8 th March 2007
Performance	To receive a report on the Action Plan written in response to the 2006 Annual Performance Assessment	8 th March 2007
Schools	Plans for a new Rural Academy School in Wiltshire	8 th March 2007

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Children's Health	To receive a report explaining the Annual Performance Assessment's comments on the Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services Strategy (may not come until July?)	10 th May 2007
Gender Gap	Update report on outcomes of the National Education Breakthrough Programme for Raising Boys' Attainment	10 th May 2007
School Bullies	Update on Anti Bullying Strategies (including conclusion of Parliamentary Select Committee Inquiry)	10 th May 2007
Children's Centres	6 monthly update on the development of Children's Centres in Wiltshire	10 th May 2007
Children in Care	Report giving analysis on the possible disincentive to fostering families progressing to adoptive families as a consequence of pay and conditions (to be confirmed)	10 th May 2007
Schools' Estate Maintenance	Interim 6 Monthly Briefing Note on the Schools' Estate Maintenance Backlog (INFORMATION ONLY REPORT)	10 th May 2007
SEN	Quarterly Report from the SEN Strategy Monitoring Board	10 th May 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	25 th July 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	25 th July 2007

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Children's Trust	To comment on the major priorities in the Children & Young People's Plan 2007-08	25 th July 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	25 th July 2007
PFI Schools	Annual Services Report (2006) of the White Horse Education Partnership's performance the North Wiltshire PFI Schools	25 th July 2007
Schools	Appraisal of the three tier system in Wiltshire (its history, rationale, outcome etc)	25 th July 2007
School Catering	To review progress in implementing the recommendations of the School Catering Scrutiny Task Group report	13 th 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 th Sept 2007
School Performance	Annual Update on Key Findings from Wiltshire School Ofsted Reports	13 th Sept 2007
Youth Development	General Update Report on Services & Priorities for Youth Development (to be confirmed)	13 th Sept 2007
Child Protection	Annual Consideration of the Local Safeguarding Children's Board Business Plan	13 th Sept 2007

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14 – 19 Curriculum	Annual Update Report on the 14-19 Education & Training Strategy	8 th November 2007

Future meeting dates:

- 30th January 2008
- 13th March 2008

