

Work Programme 2015/16 – Children and Young People’s Scrutiny Panel

Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Details and desired outcome	Lead Officer / Witnesses
9 July 2015	Corporate Plan, Priority 1: Best Start in Life	- In order to inform the development of the work plan for 2015/16, to receive a presentation on actions to address Priority 1 within the Council’s Corporate Plan; “Enable every child and young person to have the best start in life, with high quality education”.	James Page - Head of Transformation and Strategy, CYPS
	Panel Project on Youth Transition - Interim Report	- To agree preliminary findings and further work to be undertaken as part of the Panel’s project on youth transition	Cllr Kirsten Hearn – Chair of Panel Rob Mack – Principal Scrutiny Support Officer
	Work Programme Update	- To agree items for prioritisation within the work plan for the Panel for recommendation to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.	Rob Mack – Principal Scrutiny Support Officer
16 November 2015 <i>(Provisional)</i>	Cabinet Member Q&A	- To question the Cabinet Member for Children and Families on her portfolio.	Councillor Anne Waters, Cabinet Member for Children and Families
	School places	- Potential areas for consideration; (i) Capacity building for school places in areas within the borough which are earmarked for regeneration and new housing; and (ii). Projected changes to trends in volume of new school starters in years ahead and what this means for	Anton Francic & Jane Blakey – Assistant Directors for Schools and Learning

		capacity planning.	
	Child Obesity;	- To report on progress, particularly focused on the effectiveness of the Healthy Schools Programme and the role of schools in the agenda.	Debbie Arrigon and Susan Oti – Public Health
	Youth Transition Project;	- To consider potential conclusions and recommendations.	Cllr Kirsten Hearn – Chair of Panel Rob Mack – Principal Scrutiny Support Officer
	Early Years Project;	- To agree the draft scope and terms of reference	Rob Mack – Principal Scrutiny Support Officer
1 February 2016 <i>(Provisional)</i>	Child Safeguarding and preventing violence against the child.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed at its meeting on 27 July that the Panel would invite the Chair of the Local Safeguarding Children’s Board (LSCB) to attend to review the work of the Board and the effectiveness of partnership working - The Committee also agreed that the Panel would review the effectiveness of local arrangements for tackling child sexual exploitation in Haringey. - The Local Safeguarding Children’s Board (LSCB) have had plans to assess and scrutinise the following; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i). The voice of the child in decisions affecting them; (ii). Neglect; (iii). Hard to reach groups; (iv). An audit of the child’s journey from the “front door” to services onwards. 	<p>Sir Paul Ennals – Chair of Haringey LCSB</p> <p>Neelam Bhardwaja, Assistant Director for Children’s Services - Safeguarding and Support</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It has been proposed that the Panel consider the LSCB's findings on each of these topics, and work closely together. 	
	Educational Attainment Performance for different groups – including children with SENDs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Data on performance broken down into different groups, which would include children with SENDs, as well as ethnicity, age, household income etc 	Anton Francic & Jane Blakey – Assistant Directors for Schools and Learning
3 March 2016 <i>(Provisional)</i>	Cabinet Member Q&A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To question the Cabinet Member for Children and Families on her portfolio. 	Councillor Anne Waters, Cabinet Member for Children and Families
	Foster carers and adoption:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Potential areas for the Panel to consider; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i). The recruitment of in-house foster carers; (ii). Gaps in the budget for foster care and adoption, arising from legacy cases of 13-17 year olds who have remained in care for 3-4 years; (iii). Planned reforms under the Education & Adoption Bill going through Parliament, which will require a more regional approach to adoption services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ This will need to be co-ordinated with reference to the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee (CPAC) to ensure that there is no duplication. The Panel has a role in considering any findings and recommendations which CPAC produces plus may want to cover any gaps. 	Neelam Bhardwaja, Assistant Director for Children's Services - Safeguarding and Support
	Early Years Project; Conclusions and recommendations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To agree conclusions and recommendations for the Panel's in-depth project on early years. 	Cllr Kirsten Hearn – Chair of Panel Rob Mack – Principal Scrutiny

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