Appendix 1b: 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	Cabinet Member Q&A	To question the Cabinet Member for Children and Families on her portfolio and, particular, progress against targets under Corporate Priority 1 – Best Start in Life.	Councillor Anne Waters, Cabinet Member for Children and Families
	School places	Areas for consideration; (i) Capacity building for school places in areas within the borough which are earmarked for regeneration and new housing; and	Anton Francic & Jane Blakey – Assistant Directors for Schools and Learning

		(ii). Projected changes to trends in volume of new school starters in years ahead and what this means for capacity planning.	
	Child Obesity;	- To report on progress with action to address child obesity.	Debbie Arrigon and Susan Otiti – Public Health
1 February 2016	Child Safeguarding and preventing violence against the child.	 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; (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. It has been proposed that the Panel consider the LSCB's findings on each of these topics, and work closely together. 	Sir Paul Ennals – Chair of Haringey LCSB Neelam Bhardwaja, Assistant Director for Children's Services - Safeguarding and Support
	Educational Attainment Performance for different groups – including children	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

	with SENDs.		
	Youth Transition Review	- To approve the final report and recommendations	Chair
3 March 2016	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
	Foster carers and adoption:	 Potential areas for the Panel to consider; (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 ➤ 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
	Review on Disproportionality in the Youth Justice System	 This review (as of 18 November) is still to be scoped but conclusions and recommendations will be considered by the Panel in March. 	Chair

Reviews TBA: Early Years; Early Help