

**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee
– 7 September 2010

Subject: Information and Overview Report

Report of: Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit

1. Purpose of Report

To provide information about relevant issues affecting the Committee's remit to aid Members to manage the work programme.

2. Recommendation

1. The Committee is requested to consider the topics highlighted in the report and either:
 - Note the information
 - Request a briefing note to provide further details
 - Add the item to the Committee's Work Programme
2. The Committee is asked to agree the draft work programme attached as an appendix.

3. Contact Officer:

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4. Suggestions for the Work Programme

None received. A copy of the latest work programme is attached as an appendix to this report.

5. Forward Planning

The Executive Forward Plan lists key decisions to be taken by the City Council within the next four months.

A key decision, as defined in the Council's Constitution is an executive decision, which is likely:

To result in the Council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the Council's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates, or

To be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the area of the city.

The Council Constitution defines 'significant' as being expenditure or savings (including the loss of income or capital receipts) in excess of £500k, providing that is not more than 10% of the gross operating expenditure for any budget heading in the in the Council's Revenue Budget Book, and subject to other defined exceptions.

Relevant extracts from the Executive Forward Plan are attached to this report to enable members to incorporate scrutiny of key decisions into its work programme.

Executive Forward Plan:

Subject Area for Decision	Key Decision Objective /Consultation arrangements /Point of Contact	Anticipated date of decision Documents to be considered	Decision Taker (Executive or Chief Officer)
CHILDREN'S SERVICES Building Schools for the Future	Key Decision Objective Progressing elements of the BSF Programme. Consultees: Partnerships for Schools, headteachers, governing bodies, staff, parents, pupils and local communities. Contact Officer: Kieran McDermott 0161 234 4777. Paul Maccabee 0161 219 6274	September 2010 or later Report	Executive
CHILDREN'S SERVICES Tender for the provision of independent support and advocacy to	Key Decision Objective: When commissioned the contract will be let to an external provider. The contract will be for two (2) years with an option for the Council to extend for up to a further three (3) years.	September 2010 or later Report	Director of Children's Services

Manchester foster Carers	Consultees: All stakeholders involved in the service including foster carers, Children's Services Commissioners and budget holders.		
CHILDREN'S SERVICES The Provision of External Foster Care	Key Decision Objective: To implement the Regional Framework that has been tendered for the provision of external foster care placements. The framework agreements will be for two (2) years with an option for the Council to extend for up to a further two (2) years. Consultees: All stakeholders involved in the service including Children's Service Commissioners and Budget holders.	September 2010 or later Report	Director of Children's Services
CHILDREN'S SERVICES Early Years Single Funding Formula for implementation on 1 April 2011	Key Decision Objective: Approval of a single funding formula for funding of the free entitlement to Early Years provision for 3 & 4 year olds. This change will be incorporated in the Local Management of Schools Funding Formula.. Consultees: Consultation papers and briefing sessions with schools, nurseries, private, voluntary and independent Early Years providers, School Forum Contact: Officer:	December 2010 Proposed funding formula	Executive

6. Monitoring Previous Recommendations

Date	Item	Recommendation	Action	Contact Officer
2 March 2010	CYP/10/12 Family Placement Service Improvement Plan	To request that the Assistant Director, Children's Services explore the possibility of connecting foster parents to a carers association forum to support them and provide them with a means of sharing their experiences.	A response to this recommendation will be reported to a future meeting of the Committee.	Mike Livingstone, Children's Services
22 June 2010	CYP/10/31 Work Programme 2010/11 – Development and Support	To request that the Committee's support officer seeks to commission external training for committee members focusing on community engagement.	A report will be submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinating Group on 16 September with details of the training requested by each of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees. Following this, training will be arranged.	Courtney Brightwell, Scrutiny Support
20 July 2010	CYP/10/37 Early Years Review	To visit the Ardwick Sure Start Centre in autumn, to look at the new ways of working in the Ardwick pilot.	A visit to the Ardwick Sure Start Centre has been arranged for the morning of Thursday 21 October 2010.	Eleanor Fort, Scrutiny Support Shirley Woods-Gallagher, Children's Services
20 July 2010	CYP/10/38 Youth Offer	To request the Director of Children's to look into the feasibility of adjusting the focus of Regulation 33 visits to be more on the children, rather than the things affecting children.	A response to this recommendation will be reported to a future meeting of this committee.	Pauline Newman, Children's Services
20 July 2010	CYP/10/38 Youth Offer	To request that the Director of Children's Services ensure that the members of the Committee who are Regulation 33 visitors have up to date CRB checks.	A response to this recommendation will be reported to a future meeting of this committee.	Pauline Newman, Children's Services

7. Items for Information Only

There are no items for information only.

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Work Programme 2010/11 – September 2010**

7 September 2010 – report deadline Thursday 26 August				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service's (GMFRS) work with children	To invite a representative of GMFRS to the Committee to talk about the contribution that Manchester Fire and Rescue Service makes to the development of Manchester's Children. To include details of their work with children and projects that are in place in which children are involved.	Councillor S Newman	Representatives from Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service	
Update on Legislation and Policy	To inform the Committee of developments in government policy and legislation.	Councillor S Newman	Pauline Newman	Oral report
Family Placement SIP	To update the committee on the progress of the Service Improvement Plan's implementation. To look the challenges in attracting and retaining foster carers, and the problem of the relationships breaking down between carers and children.	Councillor S Newman	Pauline Newman Mike Livingstone Ciaran Rafferty	4 th Update
Safeguarding Update	To include an update on how well MiCare has been adopted and integrated, and how it has affected performance. To also include more detailed information on the 7 Golden Rules and how well they have been adopted across the department	Councillor S Newman	Pauline Newman Clayre Reid/Bridget Keane Ciaran Rafferty	

	To also include details on how safeguarding is an integral part of communities and how this aspect can be improved		Mike Livingstone	
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19 October 2010 – report deadline Thursday 7 October

Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
There will be a visit to the Ardwick Pilot on Thursday 21 October.				
Update on Legislation and Policy	To inform the Committee of developments in government policy and legislation.	Councillor S Newman	Pauline Newman	
School Standards and Improvements	To look at the progress in standards in schools under criteria other than attendance and attainment To include an overview of the Key Stage 4 results.	Councillor S Newman	Kieran McDermott	
Children's Services – Commissioning Arrangements	To receive an overview of how Children's Services commissions services in the context of the authority's role in Children's Trust Arrangements. To provide information on the developments to the Risk Management Arrangements and Risk Register, prior to a full report on this in January 2010.	Councillor S Newman	Pauline Newman David Ashcroft	

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16 November 2010 – report deadline Thursday 4 November

Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Update on Legislation and Policy	To inform the Committee of developments in government policy and legislation.	Councillor S Newman	Pauline Newman	Oral update
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14 December 2010 – report deadline Thursday 2 December 2010

Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
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11 January 2011 – report deadline Thursday 23 December

Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Children's Board Risk Management Arrangements and Risk Register	A report on the Children's Board Risk Management arrangements and Risk Register.	Councillor S Newman	David Ashcroft	
Business Plans Target Operating Models		Councillor S Newman	Pauline Newman	
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8 February 2011 – report deadline Thursday 27 January

Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
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8 March 2011 – report deadline Thursday 24 February

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Items To Be Scheduled				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Child and Adult Mental Health Services (CAMHS)	To look at the provision in place, with particular focus on looked after children	Councillor S Newman	Mike Livingstone	Invite Chair of Health and Well-being
Services in schools other than providing education	To receive a report informing the Committee on what services are available in schools in Manchester other than education, such as health.	Councillor S Newman	Kieran McDermott	
Apprenticeships	To look at the current situation with young people in apprenticeships. To find out how much the Council does to make improvements, as a provider and also in encouraging other organisations.	Councillor S Newman Councillor Keegan	Brett Kerton	Invite the Chair of Economy, Employment and Skills
Draft spending programme for school maintenance	To look at the draft spending programme once the budget for school maintenance is clear.	Councillor S Newman	Pauline Newman	
Youth Offer Audit	To receive a report on which details everything available for young people in the city through the Youth Offer, by ward.	Councillor S Newman	Mary Maguire	