

Children and Education PAC – Work Programme 2016-17

Item	Report Author(s)	Comments
April 2016		
Executive Director's Update	Andrew Christie, Steve Bywater	Standing Item
Cabinet Members' Update	Cllr Macmillan, Cllr Fennimore	Standing Item
Youth Council – Update on Progress	Brenda Whinnett	Youth Council to present.
School Organisation and Investment Strategy	Alan Wharton	
Children's Social Care Complaints	TBC	
Care Leavers – Housing and Accommodation	TBC	

Items to be scheduled:-

1. Childcare Task Group Report

2. SEN Passenger Transport - Update on the reconfigured service currently operating and the vision for the new service. Meeting to take place at Queensmill School so that parents and teachers can attend for the SEN Passenger Transport item. Possible early start. The Chair also requested a short update from the Headteacher about the work that the school does around SEN.

3. Staffing and Recruitment - To consider the state of staffing and recruitment in Children's Services including: impact of DBS delays, impact of agency staff, staff retention, commissioned services aligning with council values, and the new workforce strategy.

4. Childcare during School Holidays - Provision of childcare during school holidays (including holiday schemes – for children aged up to and including 11yrs old).

Committee will look at childcare provision for children 5yrs and under separately at a future meeting.

5. Skills for Young People - Regarding the 'curriculum for life' scheme, to consider a range of initiatives aiming to provide new skills for young people. Link with Youth Council for feedback.

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6. Primary School Curriculum - Consideration of the introduction of the new primary school curriculums. To hear / share good practice from primary schools – invite Headteachers to share their views.

7. Sports in Schools - Provision of sports in schools.

8. School Pupils with Medical Health Needs - The emphasis is to be on ensuring they are receiving a high quality education and that the move between hospital/home/school is smooth and supportive to ensuring the impact of their medical condition is not detrimental to their educational attainment.

9. Permanency and Adoption

10. Green Initiatives in Schools - To look at current initiatives in local schools to implement green infrastructure – e.g. air quality monitoring (though CSERS looked at air quality across the borough in September 2015).

11. Focus on Practice - Councillor Macmillan suggested the committee should look at the Focus on Practice initiative (submitted 21 Sept).

12. 8-6 Extended Nurseries Update – Summer 2016 - Update on Childcare Task Group report from 21 September.

13. SEN Provision Update - Update on SEN provision in the borough.

14. Arts Strategy Consultation - Members to input into the LBHF arts strategy consultation on Children and Education areas (arts in schools, activities for young people etc.).