

Children and Young People Select Committee Agenda

Wednesday, 22 April 2015

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Children and Young People Select Committee Members

Members of the committee, listed below, are summoned to attend the meeting to be held on Wednesday, 22 April 2015.

Barry Quirk, Chief Executive
Tuesday, 14 April 2015

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| Councillor Hilary Moore (Chair) | |
| Councillor Luke Sorba (Vice-Chair) | |
| Councillor Chris Barnham | |
| Councillor Andre Bourne | |
| Councillor David Britton | |
| Councillor Liz Johnston-Franklin | |
| Councillor Jacq Paschoud | |
| Councillor John Paschoud | |
| Councillor Jonathan Slater | |
| Councillor Alan Till | |
| Sharon Archibald (Parent Governor Representative) | |
| Lisa Palin (Parent Governor Representative) | |
| Mark Saunders (Parent Governor Representative) | |
| Gail Exon (Church Representative) | Church of England Southwark Diocesan Board of Education |
| Monsignor N Rotheron (Church Representative) | Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark Commission for Schools and Colleges |
| Councillor Alan Hall (ex-Officio) | |
| Councillor Gareth Siddorn (ex-Officio) | |

Agenda Item 1

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| Committee | Children and Young People Select Committee | Item No. | 1 |
| Report Title | Confirmation of Chair & Vice Chair of the Children and Young People Select Committee | | |
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| Contributors | Chief Executive (Head of Business & Committee) | | |
| Class | Part 1 | Date: | 22 April 2015 |

1. Summary

Further to the Annual General Meeting of Council on 26 March 2015, this report informs the Select Committee of the appointment of a Chair and Vice Chair of the Children and Young People Select Committee.

2. Purpose of the Report

To issue directions to the Select Committee regarding the election of their Chair and Vice Chair.

3. Recommendations

The Select Committee is recommended to:

- (i) Confirm the election of Councillor Hilary Moore as Chair of the Children and young People Select Committee
- (ii) Confirm the election of Councillor Luke Sorba as Vice Chair of the Children and Young People Select Committee

4. Background

4.1 On 26 March 2015, the Annual General Meeting of the Council considered a report setting out an allocation of seats on committees to political groups on the Council in compliance with the requirements of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

4.2 The constitutional allocation for both chairs and vice chairs of select committees is:

Labour: 6

5. Financial Implications

5.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

6. Legal Implications

- 6.1 Select Committees are obliged to act in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Council AGM Agenda papers 26 March 2015 – available on the Council website <http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/> or on request from Kevin Flaherty, Business and Committee manager (0208 3149327)

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MINUTES OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SELECT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 18 March 2015 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillors John Paschoud (Chair), Brenda Dacres (Vice-Chair), Chris Barnham, Hilary Moore, Jacq Paschoud, Luke Sorba, Alan Till and Sharon Archibald (Parent Governor Representative)

APOLOGIES: Councillors David Britton, Liz Johnston-Franklin, Joan Reid and Lisa Palin

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Paul Maslin (Cabinet Member for Children and Young People), Tina Benjamin (Service Manager for Adoption & LAC & LCS (Looked After Children and Leaving Care Services)), Margaret Brightman, Charlotte Dale (Interim Overview and Scrutiny Manager), Alan Docksey (Head of Resources & Performance, CYP), Ruth Holden (Principal, Bonus Pastor Catholic College) (Bonus Pastor Catholic College), Ian Smith (Director Children's Social Care) (Directorate for Children & Young People, LBL), Frankie Sulke (Executive Director for Children and Young People), Sue Tipler (Head of Standards and Achievement for CYP), Katie Wood (Scrutiny Manager), Heather Leatt (Strategic Leader, Secondary School Improvement) and Patrick Ward (Virtual Schools Headteacher)

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2015

- 1.1 **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on the 4 February 2015 be agreed as an accurate record of proceedings.

2. Declarations of interest

- 2.1 Councillor Hillary Moore declared a non-prejudicial interest in items 4 and 5 as she was on the Corporation Board of Lewisham Southwark College.

3. Response to the Select Committee - Raising the Participation Age

- 3.1 Sue Tipler, Head of Standards and Achievement, introduced the report to the committee.
- 3.2 In the discussion that followed the following key point was raised:
- Welfare Call was an organisation that tracked and monitored Looked After Children on behalf of local authorities.
- 3.3 **RESOLVED:** That the response from Mayor and Cabinet be noted.

4. Secondary schools improvement

4.1 Sue Tipler, Head of Standards and Achievement, presented the report to the committee and introduced Ruth Holden, Chair of the Secondary Heads Group. During the presentation the following key points were highlighted:

- Table 2 on page 49 of the agenda had an error and the year on year change in St Matthew Academy should be listed as -9.0%.
- Table 3 on page 50 of the agenda had an admission and the 2014 figure for Lewisham should be 51.3%.
- The Council was working more strategically with Head Teachers to address issues of secondary school performance.
- There was a good practice 14-19 year old strategy in place.
- The Council aimed to ensure that all children would have the opportunity to attend a “good” or “outstanding” secondary school in Lewisham.
- The 2014 Lewisham GCSEs results had been worse than expected and there were a number of factors that contributed to this as set out in the report.
- The predictions for the 2014/15 year group were set to rise.
- Mathematics performance had pulled the results down overall, and staffing issues were highlighted as a challenge in this area. There were also recruitment challenges more generally.
- Non pupil premium students were performing worse than the national average whilst pupil premium students were performing slightly better than the national average. Results for both groups, however, needed to improve.
- Head Teachers had formed a small steering group to help share best practice and improve performance across Lewisham secondary schools.
- School leadership was very important at all levels within schools and a middle leaders’ development programme called the “Most Able Project” had been introduced.
- The Council has set a target for a 10% rise in secondary results over the course of this administration. It was conformed that this was 10 percentage points from the 2013/14 baseline in line with the Council’s aspirations to have higher than national average achievement and to be at least at the London average by 2017.

4.2 In the discussion that followed, the following key points were raised:

- No schools were complacent about Ofsted rating and all were committed to achieving or retaining an “outstanding” category.
- The 5 A*- C category for monitoring standards nationally was being replaced with the “progress 8” category which looked at attainment across 8 subjects with higher weighting for Maths and English.
- “Progress 8” was designed to encourage uptake of a broader range of subjects with more emphasis on key subjects such as Maths and English. It included an approved list of subjects that could be counted towards this measure.
- Schools were working collectively. The local authority would intervene if schools were not achieving. Leadership was seen as key.
- The Secondary Heads Group was seen as very helpful. The group met regularly and was divided into sub-groups working on leadership systems

and working in a structured and planned manner. It was also a forum for frank discussion.

- Networks of middle leaders were also meeting and looking at good practice out of the borough as well as learning from each other.

4.3 **RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

5. Places Planning

5.1 Margaret Brightman, Pupil Places Manager and Alan Docksey, Head of Resources and Performance, Children and Young People, introduced the report to the committee and highlighted the following key points:

- Lewisham faced a number of challenges in the provision of places for primary and secondary schools and the occupancy level of places was very high. This meant that there was very little spare capacity in the system.
- There had been a 31% increase in the birth rate in Lewisham over the last ten years.
- The transfer rate from primary pupils within Lewisham Schools to secondary pupils within Lewisham schools was approximately 75%.

5.2 During questions from members of the committee, the following key points were raised:

- The prediction for secondary school pupil numbers meant that 6 additional forms would be needed by September 2019.
- Similar challenges were being faced by Lewisham's neighbouring boroughs of Greenwich and Southwark.
- The number of pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) was predicted to grow by at least 7.7% over the next 10 years.
- The current uptake of nursery provision for two year olds was set to increase.
- The Community Infrastructure Levy was a planning charge that had been introduced in Lewisham two years ago. It could be possible for money from the charge on developers to be allocated towards capital projects to expand the number of school places available.

5.3 **RESOLVED:** That:

The Mayor be asked to ensure that when sites are being considered for new schools, proposals are subject to wider scrutiny by relevant Councillors, from the earliest possible stage.

The Mayor be encouraged to ensure the Council is fully exploiting the possibility of obtaining capital funding through the Community Infrastructure Levy for new buildings required to increase the number of school places available.

6. Gold Club

- 6.1 Katie Wood, Scrutiny Manager, introduced the report and invited committee members to give feedback on the visits they had undertaken, and to discuss if any additional scrutiny was required.
- 6.2 During the discussion members of the committee noted that they felt there was no need for additional scrutiny on this item at that time.
- 6.3 **RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

7. Select Committee work programme

- 7.1 Katie Wood, Scrutiny Manager introduced the report and invited committee members to suggest items they may wish to scrutinise in the next municipal year.
- 7.2 **RESOLVED:** That
1. The following suggestions for future work programme items be noted:
 - Child sexual exploitation.
 - Progress to university/employment from key stage 5.
 - Implementation of the children's centres/early intervention savings proposal.
 - Secondary school improvement monitoring.
 2. Any proposed scrutiny on the transition of children with complex needs into adulthood, could include an element of joint working with the Healthier Communities Select Committee.

8. Outcomes for Looked After Children Update

- 8.1 Tina Benjamin, Service Manager, Adoption, Looked After Children Leaving Care Service, introduced the report and introduced Patrick Ward, Virtual School Headteacher. During their presentation to the committee they highlighted the following key points:
- The number of looked after children in Lewisham was 500 and has remained stable in the last year. This is in contrast to the national trend which has experienced an increase in numbers since January 2014.
 - In the last two years, there had been an increase in the number of referrals to Children's Social Care and to children subject to a Child Protection Plan.
 - Placement stability was very important and a very high priority for the Council.
 - Looked after children have had lower health outcomes than their counterparts and raising these was a priority for the team.

- A virtual school had been established in September 2014 to focus on improving attainment for looked after children. The school offered additional support to students and tracked progress, attainment and attendance insuring that any concerns were flagged up immediately.

8.2 In response to questions from members of the committee the following points were raised:

- The virtual school focussed on educational outcomes and contacted every educational setting every day to confirm attendance and any exclusions. Progress was collated termly and intervention plans put in place if a young person was not achieving.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow the business of the Committee to be concluded.

- When individual care plans for young people were drawn up, they could include frequent visits from family members in some cases but it would depend on the specific circumstances. There was also the facility to offer independent visitors to those children who would not have other family contact.

8.3 **RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

9. Safeguarding Update

9.1 Ian Smith, Director of Children's Services, presented the report to the committee and highlighted the following key points:

- The number of children in Lewisham subject to a child protection plan had continued to increase and currently stood at 378.
- The continued increase was reflected nationally and was a concern, putting pressure on the service.
- This area was a priority for the Council and the service had increased in size taking on a new team.
- Challenges faced included the difficulties in recruiting social workers.
- Child sexual exploitation was a key issue and the team was focused on prioritising this area.

9.2 **RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

10. Referrals to Mayor and Cabinet

10.1 The Committee agreed to refer the comments agreed under item 5.

The meeting ended at 10.10 pm

Chair:

Date:

Agenda Item 3

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| Committee | Children and Young People Select Committee | Item No. | 3 |
| Title | Declarations of Interest | | |
| Wards | | | |
| Contributors | Chief Executive | | |
| Class | Part 1 | Date | 22 April 2015 |

Declaration of interests

Members are asked to declare any personal interest they have in any item on the agenda.

1 Personal interests

There are three types of personal interest referred to in the Council's Member Code of Conduct :-

- (1) Disclosable pecuniary interests
- (2) Other registerable interests
- (3) Non-registerable interests

2 Disclosable pecuniary interests are defined by regulation as:-

- (a) Employment, trade, profession or vocation of a relevant person* for profit or gain
- (b) Sponsorship –payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than by the Council) within the 12 months prior to giving notice for inclusion in the register in respect of expenses incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member or towards your election expenses (including payment or financial benefit from a Trade Union).
- (c) Undischarged contracts between a relevant person* (or a firm in which they are a partner or a body corporate in which they are a director, or in the securities of which they have a beneficial interest) and the Council for goods, services or works.
- (d) Beneficial interests in land in the borough.
- (e) Licence to occupy land in the borough for one month or more.
- (f) Corporate tenancies – any tenancy, where to the member's knowledge, the Council is landlord and the tenant is a firm in which the relevant person* is a partner, a body corporate in which they are a director, or in the securities of which they have a beneficial interest.
- (g) Beneficial interest in securities of a body where:-
 - (a) that body to the member's knowledge has a place of business or land in the borough; and

- (b) either
- (i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or 1/100 of the total issued share capital of that body; or
 - (ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the relevant person* has a beneficial interest exceeds 1/100 of the total issued share capital of that class.

*A relevant person is the member, their spouse or civil partner, or a person with whom they live as spouse or civil partner.

(3) Other registerable interests

The Lewisham Member Code of Conduct requires members also to register the following interests:-

- (a) Membership or position of control or management in a body to which you were appointed or nominated by the Council
- (b) Any body exercising functions of a public nature or directed to charitable purposes, or whose principal purposes include the influence of public opinion or policy, including any political party
- (c) Any person from whom you have received a gift or hospitality with an estimated value of at least £25

(4) Non registerable interests

Occasions may arise when a matter under consideration could or would be likely to affect the wellbeing of a member, their family, friend or close associate more than it would affect the wellbeing of those in the local area generally, but which is not required to be registered in the Register of Members' Interests (for example a matter concerning the closure of a school at which a Member's child attends).

(5) Declaration and Impact of interest on member's participation

- (a) Where a member has any registerable interest in a matter and they are present at a meeting at which that matter is to be discussed, they must declare the nature of the interest at the earliest opportunity and in any event before the matter is considered. The declaration will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting. If the matter is a disclosable pecuniary interest the member must take no part in consideration of the matter and withdraw from the room before it is considered. They must not seek improperly to influence the decision in any way. **Failure to declare such an interest which has not already been entered in the Register of Members' Interests, or participation where such an interest exists, is liable to prosecution and on conviction carries a fine of up to £5000**
- (b) Where a member has a registerable interest which falls short of a disclosable pecuniary interest they must still declare the nature of the interest to the

meeting at the earliest opportunity and in any event before the matter is considered, but they may stay in the room, participate in consideration of the matter and vote on it unless paragraph (c) below applies.

- (c) Where a member has a registerable interest which falls short of a disclosable pecuniary interest, the member must consider whether a reasonable member of the public in possession of the facts would think that their interest is so significant that it would be likely to impair the member's judgement of the public interest. If so, the member must withdraw and take no part in consideration of the matter nor seek to influence the outcome improperly.
- (d) If a non-registerable interest arises which affects the wellbeing of a member, their, family, friend or close associate more than it would affect those in the local area generally, then the provisions relating to the declarations of interest and withdrawal apply as if it were a registerable interest.
- (e) Decisions relating to declarations of interests are for the member's personal judgement, though in cases of doubt they may wish to seek the advice of the Monitoring Officer.

(6) Sensitive information

There are special provisions relating to sensitive interests. These are interests the disclosure of which would be likely to expose the member to risk of violence or intimidation where the Monitoring Officer has agreed that such interest need not be registered. Members with such an interest are referred to the Code and advised to seek advice from the Monitoring Officer in advance.

(7) Exempt categories

There are exemptions to these provisions allowing members to participate in decisions notwithstanding interests that would otherwise prevent them doing so. These include:-

- (a) Housing – holding a tenancy or lease with the Council unless the matter relates to your particular tenancy or lease; (subject to arrears exception)
- (b) School meals, school transport and travelling expenses; if you are a parent or guardian of a child in full time education, or a school governor unless the matter relates particularly to the school your child attends or of which you are a governor;
- (c) Statutory sick pay; if you are in receipt
- (d) Allowances, payment or indemnity for members
- (e) Ceremonial honours for members
- (f) Setting Council Tax or precept (subject to arrears exception)

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Agenda Item 4

| Children and Young People Select Committee | | |
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| Title | Select Committee work programme 2015-16 | |
| Contributor | Scrutiny Manager | Item 4 |
| Class | Part 1 (open) | 22 April 2015 |

1. Purpose

To ask Members to discuss and agree an annual work programme for the Children and Young People Select Committee.

2. Summary

This report:

1. Informs Members of the meeting dates for this municipal year.
2. Provides the context for setting the Committee's work programme.
3. Invites Members to decide on the Committee's priorities for the 2015-16 municipal year.
4. Informs Members of the process for Business Panel approval of the work programme.
5. Outlines how the work programme can be monitored, managed and developed.

3. Recommendations

The Select Committee is asked to:

- Note the meeting dates and terms of reference for the Children and Young People Select Committee.
- Consider the provisional work programme at appendix B.
- Consider adding further items to the work programme, taking into consideration the criteria for selecting topics; information about local assembly priorities; information about the Young Mayor's priorities; and items already added to the provisional work programme.
- Note the key decision plan, attached at appendix F, and consider any key decisions for further scrutiny.
- Agree a work programme for the municipal year 2015/16.
- Review how the work programme can be developed, managed and monitored over the coming year.

4. Meeting dates

4.1 The following Committee meeting dates for the next municipal year were agreed at the Council AGM on 26 March 2015:

- 22 April 2015
- 13 May 2015
- 23 June 2015

- 8 September 2015
- 20 October 2015
- 18 November 2015
- 12 January 2016
- 1 March 2016.

5. Context

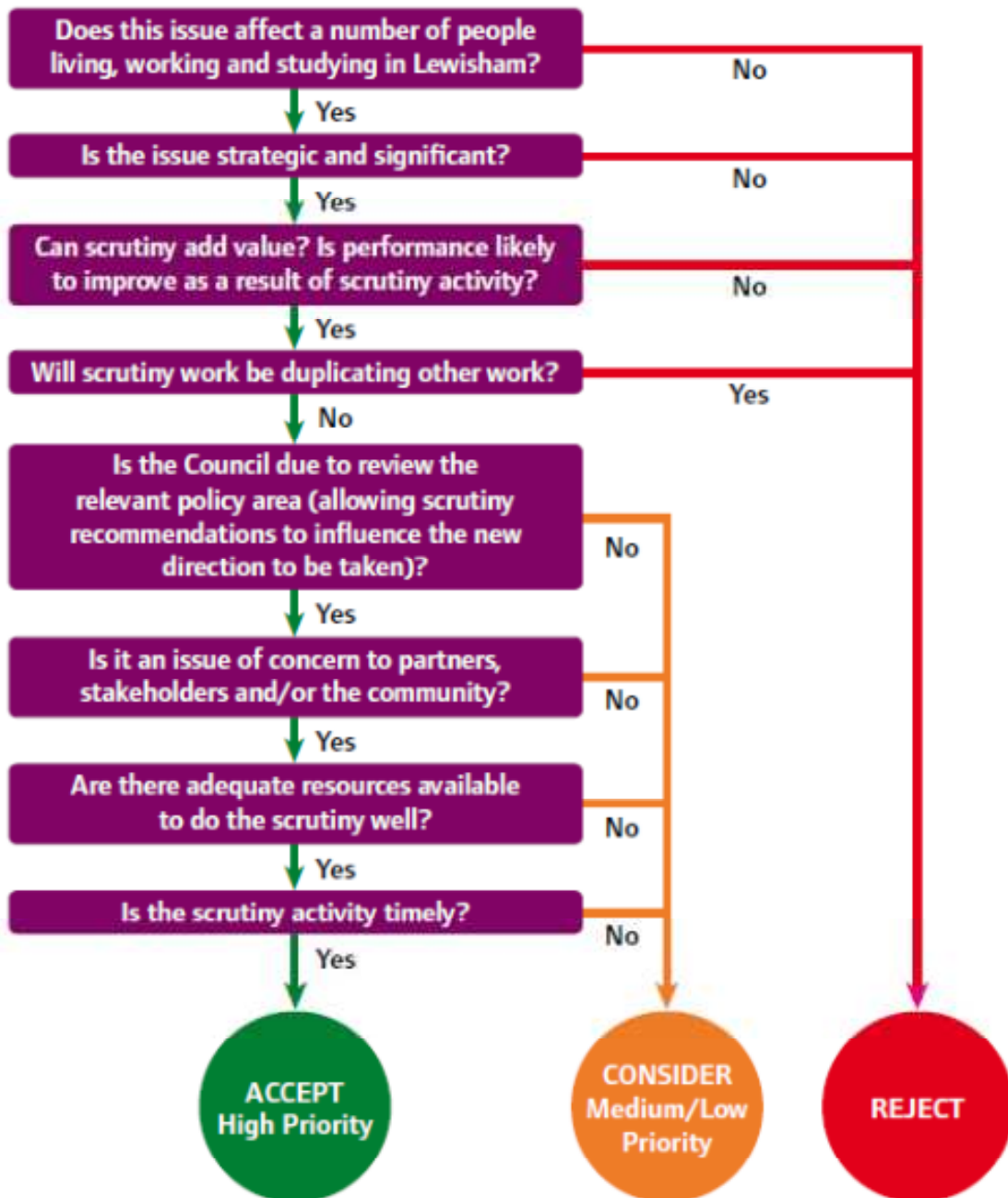
- 5.1 The Committee has a responsibility for carrying out the duties of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as they relate to the social care of children and young people up to the age of 19 years of age. It can make comments and recommendations on the provision of education, training and learning by those with special educational needs up to the age of 25.
- 5.2 The Committee's terms of reference include examining issues relating to: child protection; early years provision; special needs provision; schools; youth service; young offending; leaving care services; and any other matters relating to children and young people. The Committee's terms of reference are set out in appendix A.
- 5.3 The Committee's terms of reference also include receiving and considering referrals from Healthwatch Lewisham in so far as they relate solely to people under 19 years of age. Otherwise, such referrals would be made to the Healthier Communities Select Committee.

6. Deciding on items for the work programme

- 6.1 When deciding on items to include in the work programme, the Committee should have regard to:
- items the Committee is required to consider by virtue of its terms of reference;
 - the criteria for selecting and prioritising topics;
 - the capacity for adding items;
 - the context for setting the work programme and advice from officers;
 - suggestions already put forward by Members.

6.2 The following flow chart, based on the Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS) advice for prioritising topics is designed to help Members decide which items should be added to the work programme:

Scrutiny work programme – prioritisation process



7. Different types of scrutiny

7.1 It is important to agree how each work programme item will be scrutinised. Some items may only require an information report to be presented to the Committee and others will require performance monitoring data or analysis to be presented. Typically, the majority of items take the form of single meeting items, where members:

- (a) agree what information and analysis they wish to receive in order to achieve their desired outcomes;
- (b) receive a report presenting that information and analysis;
- (c) ask questions of the presenting officer or guest;
- (d) agree, following discussion of the report, whether the Committee will make recommendations or receive further information or analysis before summarising its views.

7.2 For each item, the Committee should consider what type of scrutiny is required and whether the item is high or medium/low priority (using the prioritisation process). Allocating priority to work programme items will enable the Committee to decide which low and medium priority items it should remove from its work programme, when it decides to add high priority issues in the course of the year.

In-depth review

7.3 Some items might be suitable for an in-depth review, where the item is scrutinised over a series of meetings. Normally this takes four meetings to complete:

- Meeting 1: Scoping paper (planning the review)
- Meetings 2 & 3: Evidence sessions
- Meeting 4: Agreeing a report and recommendations

7.4 If the Committee wants to designate one of its work programme items as an in-depth review, this should be done at the first meeting of the municipal year to allow sufficient time to carry out the review.

8. Provisional 2015/16 work programme

8.1 The Scrutiny Manager has drafted a provisional work programme for the Committee to consider, which is attached at appendix B. This includes:

- suggestions from the Committee in the previous year;
- suggestions from officers;
- issues arising as a result of previous scrutiny;
- issues that the Committee is required to consider by virtue of its terms of reference;
- items requiring follow up from Committee reviews and recommendations;
- standard reviews of policy implementation or performance, which is based on a regular schedule;

8.2 The Committee should also give consideration to:

- issues of importance to Local Assemblies
- issues of importance to the Young Mayor and his advisors.
- decisions due to be made by Mayor and Cabinet (appendix F).

Suggestions from the Committee

8.3 At its last meeting of the 2014/15 municipal year, the Committee agreed that the following suggestions would be put forward for consideration as part of the work programme for this year:

- Child sexual exploitation.
- Progress to university/employment from key stage 5.
- Monitoring of implementation of the children's centres/early intervention savings proposal.
- Secondary school improvement monitoring.

8.4 The committee also identified looking at the plans for an employee led mutual for the youth service and suggested that any proposed scrutiny on the transition of children with complex needs into adulthood, could include an element of joint working with the Healthier Communities Select Committee.

8.5 These suggestions have been incorporated into the draft work programme at appendix B.

Suggestions from officers

8.6 The following is an additional suggestion from officers:

- GCSE 2014/15 results;

8.7 The medium term financial strategy reported to Mayor and Cabinet in July 2014 estimated that £85m of savings were still required for the period 2015/16 to 2017/8. In order to achieve savings, the Council has embarked on a series of thematic and cross-cutting reviews to fundamentally review the way it delivers services. This will mean that savings will be delivered over longer periods and will need to be agreed and taken as and when they are identified. Officers have committed to regular interactions with Members in order to facilitate scrutiny of the specific savings proposals arising from the major change programmes. The Select Committee will need to retain capacity in its work programme to consider these as is necessary.

8.8 These suggestions have been incorporated into the draft work programme at appendix B.

Issues arising as a result of previous scrutiny

8.9 At Business Panel on 27th January 2015, it was recommended that the Children and Young People Select Committee should be kept updated on the implementation of the proposal to extend the scope of the educational psychology support traded with schools to generate more income. It was also recommended that any plans to increase SLA income from schools should be reviewed by the committee. At the

same meeting of business panel on the 27th January, it was recommended that the Children and Young People Select Committee receive a report on the diversity of governing bodies once the date was available.

- 8.10 These suggestions have been incorporated into the draft work programme at appendix B.

Issues that the Committee is required to consider by virtue of its terms of reference

- 8.11 Items added to the provisional work programme under this heading include:

- Lewisham Safeguarding Children's Board
- Safeguarding Update
- Corporate Parenting and Looked After Children Update
- Schools' Capacity Planning

- 8.12 These suggestions have been incorporated into the draft work programme at appendix B.

Items requiring follow up from Committee reviews and recommendations

- 8.13 During the 2014/15 the committee carried out an in-depth review into Young People's Mental Health. The Committee will hear a response to their recommendations and an update on this within the 2015/16 programme.

Standard reviews of policy implementation or performance, which is based on a regular schedule

- 8.14 In previous years, Members of the Committee have agreed to consider the following items on a regular cycle:

- Children and Young People's Plan
- Community education annual report
- Annual safeguarding report
- Secondary School Improvement Monitoring

Decisions due to be made by Mayor and Cabinet

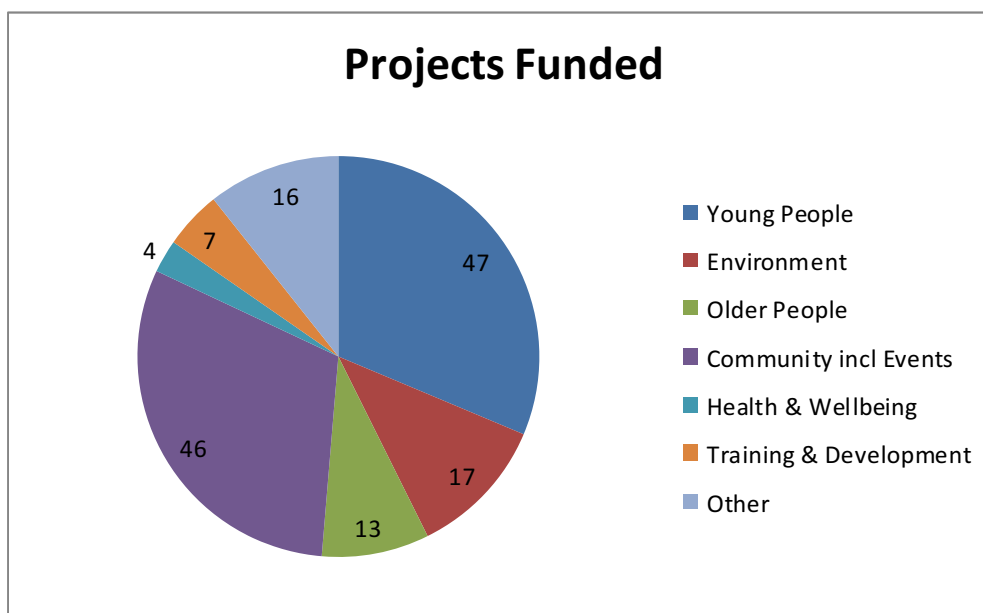
- 8.15 Members of the committee are asked to review the most recent notice of key decisions (at appendix F) and suggest any additional items for further scrutiny.

Consideration of issues of importance to Local Assemblies

- 8.16 A list of assembly priorities is included at appendix D. Members are asked to consider whether there are issues of importance arising from their interactions with their ward assembly that should be considered for further scrutiny.

- Fourteen of the ward assemblies have priorities relating to children and young people.
- These include youth provision, child poverty and youth engagement.

8.17 At its meeting on 3 February 2015, the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee scrutinised an annual update from officers about the assemblies programme. Members received the following breakdown of assembly funding for local projects:



8.18 It is up to the Committee to agree the provisional work programme, outlined at appendix B and decide which additional items should be added.

Consideration of issues of importance to the Young Mayor and Advisors

8.19 During meetings with the Young Mayor and Advisors, the Young Mayor's Team has noted the following in relation to the Children and Young People Select Committee.

- The continued importance of the Young People's Steering Group in ensuring the concerns of young people are listened to and addressed.

8.20 Overview and Scrutiny will continue to liaise with the Young Mayor's Office and the Young Mayor and Young Advisors, to ensure they can share ideas with Scrutiny through the Select Committees.

9. Approving, monitoring and managing the work programme

9.1 In accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure rules outlined in the Council's constitution, each select committee is required to submit their annual work programme to the Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel. The Business Panel will meet on 28 April 2015 to consider provisional work programmes and agree a co-ordinated Overview and Scrutiny work programme, which avoids duplication of effort and which facilitates the effective conduct of business.

9.2 The work programme will be reviewed at each meeting of the Committee. This allows urgent items to be added and items which are no longer a priority to be removed. Each additional item added should first be considered against the criteria outlined above. If the committee agrees to add additional items because they are high priority, it must then consider which medium/low priority items should be

removed in order to create sufficient capacity. The Committee has eight scheduled meetings this municipal year and its work programme needs to be achievable in terms of the amount of meeting time available.

- 9.3 At each meeting of the Committee, there will be an item on the work programme presented by the Scrutiny Manager. When discussing this item, the Committee will be asked to consider the items programmed for the next meeting. Members will be asked to outline what information and analysis they would like in the report for each item, based on the outcomes they would like to achieve, so that officers are clear on what they need to provide.

10. Financial implications

There may be financial implications arising from some of the items that will be included in the work programme (especially reviews) and these will need to be considered when preparing those items/scoping those reviews.

11. Legal implications

In accordance with the Council's Constitution, all scrutiny select committees must devise and submit a work programme to the Business Panel at the start of each municipal year.

12. Equalities implications

- 12.1 The Equality Act 2010 brought together all previous equality legislation in England, Scotland and Wales. The Act included a new public sector equality duty, replacing the separate duties relating to race, disability and gender equality. The duty came into force on 6 April 2011. It covers the following nine protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.
- 12.2 The Council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to:
- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act
 - advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
 - foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- 12.3 There may be equalities implications arising from items on the work programme and all activities undertaken by the Committee will need to give due consideration to this.

13. Crime and disorder implications

There may be crime and disorder implications arising from some of the items that will be included in the work programme (especially reviews) and these will need to be considered when preparing those items/scoping those reviews.

Background documents

Lewisham Council's Constitution
Centre for Public Scrutiny: The Good Scrutiny Guide

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Appendix A

The following roles are common to all select committees:

(a) General functions

To review and scrutinise decisions made and actions taken in relation to executive and non-executive functions

To make reports and recommendations to the Council or the executive, arising out of such review and scrutiny in relation to any executive or non-executive function

To make reports or recommendations to the Council and/or Executive in relation to matters affecting the area or its residents

The right to require the attendance of members and officers to answer questions includes a right to require a member to attend to answer questions on up and coming decisions

(b) Policy development

To assist the executive in matters of policy development by in depth analysis of strategic policy issues facing the Council for report and/or recommendation to the Executive or Council or committee as appropriate

To conduct research, community and/or other consultation in the analysis of policy options available to the Council

To liaise with other public organisations operating in the borough – both national, regional and local, to ensure that the interests of local people are enhanced by collaborative working in policy development wherever possible

(c) Scrutiny

To scrutinise the decisions made by and the performance of the Executive and other committees and Council officers both in relation to individual decisions made and over time

To scrutinise previous performance of the Council in relation to its policy objectives/performance targets and/or particular service areas

To question members of the Executive or appropriate committees and executive directors personally about decisions

To question members of the Executive or appropriate committees and executive directors in relation to previous performance whether generally in comparison with service plans and targets over time or in relation to particular initiatives which have been implemented

To scrutinise the performance of other public bodies in the borough and to invite them to make reports to and/or address the select committee/Business Panel and local people about their activities and performance

To question and gather evidence from any person outside the Council (with their consent)

To make recommendations to the Executive or appropriate committee and/or Council arising from the outcome of the scrutiny process

(d) Community representation

To promote and put into effect closer links between overview and scrutiny members and the local community

To encourage and stimulate an enhanced community representative role for overview and scrutiny members including enhanced methods of consultation with local people

To liaise with the Council's ward assemblies so that the local community might participate in the democratic process and where it considers it appropriate to seek the views of the ward assemblies on matters that affect or are likely to affect the local areas, including accepting items for the agenda of the appropriate select committee from ward assemblies.

To keep the Council's local ward assemblies under review and to make recommendations to the Executive and/or Council as to how participation in the democratic process by local people can be enhanced

To receive petitions, deputations and representations from local people and other stakeholders about areas of concern within their overview and scrutiny remit, to refer them to the Executive, appropriate committee or officer for action, with a recommendation or report if the committee considers that necessary

To consider any referral within their remit referred to it by a member under the Councillor Call for Action, and if they consider it appropriate to scrutinise decisions and/or actions taken in relation to that matter, and/or make recommendations/report to the Executive (for executive matters) or the Council (non-executive matters)

(e) Finance

To exercise overall responsibility for finances made available to it for use in the performance of its overview and scrutiny function.

(f) Work programme

As far as possible to draw up a draft annual work programme in each municipal year for consideration by the overview and scrutiny Business Panel. Once approved by the Business Panel, the relevant select committee will implement the programme during that municipal year. Nothing in this arrangement inhibits the right of every member of a select committee (or the Business Panel) to place an item on the agenda of that select committee (or Business Panel respectively) for discussion.

The Council and the Executive will also be able to request that the overview and scrutiny select committee research and/or report on matters of concern and the select committee will consider whether the work can be carried out as requested. If it can be accommodated, the select committee will perform it. If the committee has reservations about performing the requested work, it will refer the matter to the Business Panel for decision.

The following roles are specific to the Children and Young People Select Committee:

Children & Young People Select Committee

- (a) To fulfil all Overview and Scrutiny functions as they relate to the social care of children and young people up to the age of 19 years including but not limited to the following activities:-
- (i) the social services functions of the Council under the Children Act 2004, and all functions of the Council under the National Assistance Act 1948, the Mental Health Act 1983, Children Act 1989, the NHS and Community Care Act 1990, Children Act 2004, Children and Families Act 2014 and all other relevant legislation in force from time to time
 - (ii) to invite representatives of other service providers to children and young people in the area to give account of their performance and to answer questions.
- (b) In so far as they relate to the provision of services for those under the age of 19 years, the exercise of all of the Council's powers under all relevant Education Acts from time to time in force. Without limiting the generality of this, this shall include, in particular, schools and school related services.
- (c) The exercise of the overview and scrutiny powers of the Council in so far as they relate to people under 19 years of age in the provision of opportunities for education, training and learning outside the school environment including pre-school services.
- (d) In so far as they relate to children and young people under 19 years of age, to make comments and recommendations to the Executive on the contents and proposed contents of the plans making up the Council's policy framework.
- (e) In so far as they relate to people under the age of 25 years, to make comments and recommendations on the provision of education, training and learning by those with special educational needs.
- (f) Without limiting the remit of the Select Committee, its terms of reference include the following matters:
- Child Protection - covering provision for vulnerable children including children in need and children looked after, placements, foster care and adoption.
 - Early Years provision
 - Special Needs provision
 - Schools and related services
 - Youth Service,
 - Youth offending and challenging behaviour
 - Transitional services for those leaving care
 - Other matters relating to children and young people
- (g) To receive and consider referrals from the Healthwatch in so far as they relate solely to people under 19 years of age. Otherwise such referrals will be made to the Healthier Communities Select Committee

- (h) Without limiting the remit of the Select Committee to hold the Executive to account for its performance in relation to the delivery of Council objectives in the provision of services to children and young people.

NB In the event of there being overlap between the terms of reference of this select committee and those of the Healthier Communities Select Committee, the Business Panel shall determine the Select Committee which shall deal with the matter in question.

Appendix B - Provisional Work Programme 2015/16

| Work Item | Type of review | Priority | Strategic Priority | Delivery deadline | 14-Apr | 13-May | 23-Jun | 08-Sep | 20-Oct | 18-Nov | 12-Jan | 01-Mar |
|--|----------------------------|----------|--------------------|-------------------|--------|--------|----------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Lewisham Future Programme | Standard item | High | CP2 & CP7 | | | | | Savings | | | | |
| Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair | Constitutional requirement | High | | Apr-15 | | | | | | | | |
| Select Committee work programme 2015/16 | Constitutional requirement | High | | Apr-15 | | | | | | | | |
| Children and Young People's Plan | Policy development | High | CP2&CP7 | Apr-15 | | | | | | | | |
| Post 16 education and the progress to employment/university | Performance monitoring | Medium | CP2 | May-15 | | | | | | | | |
| Transition of Children with complex needs | Performance monitoring | Medium | CP2 | May-15 | | | | | | | | |
| Leathersellers' Consultation | Standard item | High | CP2 | May-15 | | | | | | | | |
| Employee Led mutual for the Youth Service | Performance monitoring | High | CP2 | Nov-15 | | | | | | | | |
| Service level agreements with schools | Performance monitoring | High | CP2 | Oct-15 | | | | | | | | |
| Lewisham Safeguarding Children's Board | Standard item | Medium | CP7 | Jun-15 | | | | | | | | |
| Report on the diversity of Governing Boards | Performance monitoring | High | CP2 | Nov-15 | | | | | | | | |
| Young people's mental health review -implementation of any agreed recs | Standard item | Medium | CP7 | Jan-16 | | | Response | | | | Update | |
| School's Capacity Planning | Standard item | High | CP2 | Mar-16 | | | | | | | | |
| Child sexual exploitation report | Standard item | High | CP7 | Mar-16 | | | | | | | | |
| Corporate Parenting and LAC update | Standard item | Medium | CP7 | Mar-16 | | | | | | | | |
| Secondary School Improvement Monitoring | Standard item | High | CP2 | Mar-16 | | | | | | | | |
| All Schools results | Standard item | High | CP2 | Oct-15 | | | | | | | | |
| Safeguarding update | Standard item | High | CP7 | Mar-16 | | | | | | | | |
| Childrens Centres savings proposal - implementation monitoring | Policy development | High | CP2 | Jan-16 | | | | | | | | |

Appendix C – Criteria for selecting topics

The Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS) has developed a useful set of questions to help committees prioritise items for scrutiny work programmes:

General questions to be asked at the outset

- Is there a clear objective for scrutinising this topic – what do we hope to achieve?
- Does the topic have a potential impact for one or more section(s) of the population?
- Is the issue strategic and significant?
- Is there evidence to support the need for scrutiny?
- What are the likely benefits to the council and its customers?
- Are you likely to achieve a desired outcome?
- What are the potential risks?
- Are there adequate resources available to carry out the scrutiny well?
- Is the scrutiny activity timely?

Sources of topics

The CfPS also suggest that ideas for topics might derive from three main sources: the public interest; council priorities; and external factors. These are described below.

Public interest

- Issues identified by members through surgeries, casework and other.
- Contact with constituents.
- User dissatisfaction with service (e.g. complaints).
- Market surveys/citizens panels.
- Issues covered in media

Internal council priority

- Council corporate priority area.
- High level of budgetary commitment to the service/policy area (as percentage of total expenditure).
- Pattern of budgetary overspend.
- Poorly performing service (evidence from performance indicators/ benchmarking).

External Factors

- Priority area for central government.
- New government guidance or legislation.
- Issues raised by External Audit Management Letters/External Audit reports.
- Key reports or new evidence provided by external organisations on key issue.

Criteria to reject items

Finally, the CfPS suggest some criteria for rejecting items:

- issues being examined elsewhere - e.g. by the Cabinet, working group, officer group, external body;
- issues dealt with less than two years ago;
- new legislation or guidance expected within the next year;

- no scope for scrutiny to add value/ make a difference;
- the objective cannot be achieved in the specified timescale.

Bellingham

- Children and young people.
- Older people's issues
- Community events and festivals
- The promotion and development of Bellingham as a community

Blackheath

- Environment and Community.
- Provision for Older people, Young People and Children
- Parking, Streets and Waste.
- Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

Brockley

- Creating a high-quality living environment – improving our local living environment and making Brockley a safer, cleaner and greener place to live, work and learn
- Connecting communities – bringing Brockley residents together and fostering a sense of community spirit, mutual understanding and respect, through community projects, events and activities

Catford South

- Streetscape and environment (litter, dog fouling, fly tipping, street furniture).
- Developing local opportunities for children (aged 16 and under) and young people (aged 17–25)
- Increase opportunities for older people
- Improvements to shopping hubs
- Community cohesion

Crofton Park

- Streetscape (litter, dog fouling, fly tipping, street furniture).
- Roads and pavement maintenance.
- Traffic and parking issues.
- Youth provision.
- Community cohesion.

Downham

- Crime and ASB
- Youth Provision
- The Environment
- Provision for the Elderly
- Adult Education

Evelyn

- Young people and children.
- Provision for older people.
- Community support on anti-social behaviour, crime and drug issues.
- Housing issues/developments.
- Community capacity building.

Forest Hill

- youth engagement and provision
- making Forest Hill more attractive
- community events and publicity

Grove Park

- Traffic congestion.
- Community communication.
- Neighbourhood security.
- Cleaner and better environment.
- More activities for the young and elderly

Ladywell

- Environment and landscape.
- Antisocial behaviour and crime.
- Local shops.
- Lack of youth and community facilities.
- Traffic.

Lee Green

- Safe healthy living – improving health services, crime reduction, improved environment, provision of outdoor spaces / exercise spaces, promote measures to reduce air pollution / promoting cleaner air.
- Roads and streets – road safety and traffic calming measures, road maintenance, cleaner streets, tree

planting, rubbish collection, improved road use, provision of cycling tracks, addressing parking and CPZ issues.

- Leisure and amenities – improved parks and open spaces, more meeting spaces / community centres, provision of cycling tracks, improved shops, Leegate, provision of more local events.
- Services and infrastructure – better social housing, provision of jobs locally, more services for the elderly and young people, increased use and access to local use for recreational activities, more school spaces.

Lewisham Central

- Improving health and well-being.
- Cleaner, better environment.
- Better access to activities and facilities for young people.
- Better access to training and employment for all inhabitants of the ward.
- Promoting and improving community cohesion.

New Cross

- Unemployment.
- Child poverty and young people.
- Community facilities.
- Environment.
- Community cohesion and engagement.
- Crime and antisocial behaviour.

Perry Vale

- The environment.
- Roads and traffic.
- Activities for younger people.
- Antisocial behaviour and crime.
- Activities for the whole community.

Rushey Green

- activities for children, young people or older people
- community cohesion (including the Rushey Green Festival)
- culture and the arts
- development of a Rushey Green Community Hub
- local streetscape, environment and ecology

Sydenham

- Bringing the community together – intergenerational and intercultural activities.
- Health, wellbeing and community safety – increasing wellbeing including supporting people who cannot get out as much.
- Vibrant high street.
- Clean and green – helping to keep Sydenham streets clean and appealing.
- Transport improvements

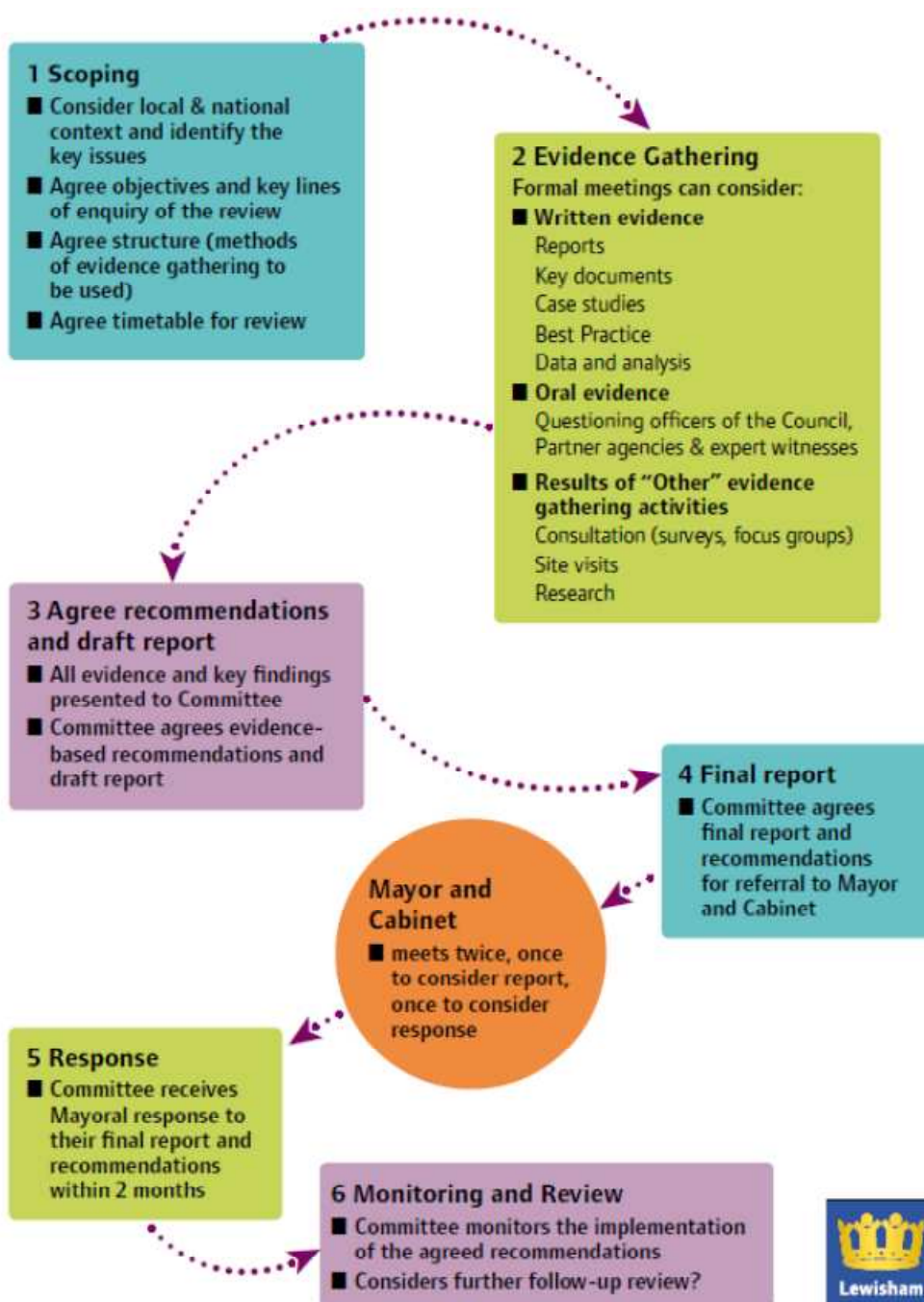
Telegraph Hill

- Safety, crime and antisocial behaviour.
- Youth activities and support projects.
- Traffic calming and transport.
- Community activities.
- Cleaning up dirty streets.

Whitefoot

- Crime and ASB
- Lack of Community Facilities
- Activities for Children and Young people
- Roads and Traffic
- Lack of Community Spirit

How to carry out an in-depth review



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FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

Forward Plan May 2015 - August 2015

This Forward Plan sets out the key decisions the Council expects to take during the next four months.

Anyone wishing to make representations on a decision should submit them in writing as soon as possible to the relevant contact officer (shown as number (7) in the key overleaf). Any representations made less than 3 days before the meeting should be sent to Kevin Flaherty, the Local Democracy Officer, at the Council Offices or kevin.flaherty@lewisham.gov.uk. However the deadline will be 4pm on the working day prior to the meeting.

A "key decision"* means an executive decision which is likely to:

- (a) 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;
- (b) be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards.

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| Date included in forward plan | Description of matter under consideration | Date of Decision Decision maker | Responsible Officers / Portfolios | Consultation Details | Background papers / materials |
| December 2014 | Asset Management Strategy (Highways) | Wednesday, 22/04/15 Mayor and Cabinet | Janet Senior, Executive Director for Resources & Regeneration and Councillor Alan Smith, Deputy Mayor | | |
| February 2015 | Building Control Review of Fees and Charges | Wednesday, 22/04/15 Mayor and Cabinet | Janet Senior, Executive Director for Resources & Regeneration and Councillor Alan Smith, Deputy Mayor | | |
| February 2015 | Determination of Applications to Establish Neighbourhood Forum and Designate Neighbourhood Area for Corbett Estate | Wednesday, 22/04/15 Mayor and Cabinet | Janet Senior, Executive Director for Resources & Regeneration and Councillor Alan Smith, Deputy Mayor | | |
| February 2015 | Section 75 Agreement between CCG and Council - Public Health | Wednesday, 22/04/15 Mayor and Cabinet | Aileen Buckton, Executive Director for Community Services and Councillor Chris Best, Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Older People | | |
| February 2015 | Voluntary Sector Accomodation | Wednesday, 22/04/15 Mayor and Cabinet | Janet Senior, Executive Director for Resources & Regeneration and Councillor Joan Millbank, Cabinet Member Third Sector & Community | | |
| February 2015 | Award of Contract for the enlargement of St George's Primary School | Wednesday, 22/04/15 Mayor and Cabinet | Frankie Sulke, Executive Director for Children and Young People and | | |

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| | | (Contracts) | Councillor Paul Maslin, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People | | |
| September 2014 | Award of Street Advertising and Bus Shelter Contract | Wednesday, 22/04/15 Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts) | Janet Senior, Executive Director for Resources & Regeneration and Councillor Alan Smith, Deputy Mayor | | |
| November 2014 | Procurement of the School Kitchen Maintenance Contract | Wednesday, 22/04/15 Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts) | Frankie Sulke, Executive Director for Children and Young People and Councillor Paul Maslin, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People | | |
| March 2015 | Appointment of Operator Lewisham Enterprise Hub | Tuesday, 28/04/15 Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel | Janet Senior, Executive Director for Resources & Regeneration and Councillor Alan Smith, Deputy Mayor | | |
| April 2015 | Determination of the School Term and Holiday Dates 2016/17 Academic Year | Tuesday, 28/04/15 Overview and Scrutiny Education Business Panel | Frankie Sulke, Executive Director for Children and Young People and Councillor Paul Maslin, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People | | |
| February 2015 | Variation of Contract with Bailey Partners Provision of Services to Primary Places | Tuesday, 28/04/15 Overview and Scrutiny Education | Frankie Sulke, Executive Director for Children and Young People and | | |

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| | Programme | Business Panel | Councillor Paul Maslin, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People | | |
| February 2015 | Variation of contract for works at Forster Park Primary School | Tuesday, 28/04/15 Overview and Scrutiny Education Business Panel | Frankie Sulke, Executive Director for Children and Young People and Councillor Paul Maslin, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People | | |
| April 2015 | Main Grants Programme Appeals | Monday, 11/05/15 Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts) | Aileen Buckton, Executive Director for Community Services and Councillor Joan Millbank, Cabinet Member Third Sector & Community | | |
| December 2014 | Catford Town Centre CRPL Business Plan 2015/16 | Wednesday, 13/05/15 Mayor and Cabinet | Janet Senior, Executive Director for Resources & Regeneration and Councillor Alan Smith, Deputy Mayor | | |
| April 2015 | Consultation on change of Prendergast School, Prendergast Vale School and Prendergast Ladywell School to Academy Status | Wednesday, 13/05/15 Mayor and Cabinet | Frankie Sulke, Executive Director for Children and Young People and Councillor Paul Maslin, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People | | |
| April 2015 | Issue raised by Scrutiny No Recourse to Public Funds | Wednesday, 13/05/15 | Kevin Sheehan, Executive Director for | | |

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| | | Mayor and Cabinet | Customer Services and Councillor Kevin Bonavia, Cabinet Member Resources | | |
| March 2015 | Leathersellers Federation of Schools Academy consultation | Wednesday, 13/05/15 Mayor and Cabinet | Frankie Sulke, Executive Director for Children and Young People and Councillor Paul Maslin, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People | | |
| March 2015 | Licensed Deficit Application Sedgehill School | Wednesday, 13/05/15 Mayor and Cabinet | Frankie Sulke, Executive Director for Children and Young People and Councillor Paul Maslin, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People | | |
| April 2015 | Section 75 Agreements between CCG and Council | Wednesday, 13/05/15 Mayor and Cabinet | Aileen Buckton, Executive Director for Community Services and Councillor Chris Best, Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Older People | | |
| April 2015 | Governing Bodies Reconstitution | Wednesday, 13/05/15 Mayor and Cabinet | Frankie Sulke, Executive Director for Children and Young People and Councillor Paul Maslin, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People | | |

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| April 2015 | Making of Instrument of Government - The Fairlawn and Haseltine Primary Schools Federation | Wednesday, 13/05/15 Mayor and Cabinet | Frankie Sulke, Executive Director for Children and Young People and Councillor Paul Maslin, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People | | |
| March 2015 | Allocation of Main Grants Programme | Wednesday, 13/05/15 Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts) | Aileen Buckton, Executive Director for Community Services and Councillor Joan Millbank, Cabinet Member Third Sector & Community | | |
| February 2015 | Award of Design and Build Contract Phase 1 Grove Park Public Realm Project | Wednesday, 13/05/15 Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts) | Janet Senior, Executive Director for Resources & Regeneration and Councillor Rachel Onikosi, Cabinet Member Public Realm | | |
| April 2015 | Carers Lewisham Contract Extension | Wednesday, 13/05/15 Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts) | Aileen Buckton, Executive Director for Community Services and Councillor Chris Best, Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Older People | | |
| March 2015 | Procurement of Occupational Health and Employee Assistance Programme Provider | Wednesday, 13/05/15 Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts) | Janet Senior, Executive Director for Resources & Regeneration and Councillor Kevin Bonavia, Cabinet Member Resources | | |

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| April 2015 | Prendergast Ladywell Primary: Authority Notice of Change 3 | Tuesday, 26/05/15 Overview and Scrutiny Education Business Panel | Frankie Sulke, Executive Director for Children and Young People and Councillor Paul Maslin, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People | | |
| April 2015 | Edmund Waller: Replacement of modular building | Tuesday, 26/05/15 Overview and Scrutiny Education Business Panel | Frankie Sulke, Executive Director for Children and Young People and Councillor Paul Maslin, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People | | |
| March 2015 | Adoption Statement of Purpose 2015-16 | Wednesday, 03/06/15 Mayor and Cabinet | Frankie Sulke, Executive Director for Children and Young People and Councillor Paul Maslin, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People | | |
| March 2015 | Fostering Statement of Purpose 2015-16 | Wednesday, 03/06/15 Mayor and Cabinet | Frankie Sulke, Executive Director for Children and Young People and Councillor Paul Maslin, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People | | |
| April 2015 | Discretionary Licensing of the Private Rented Sector | Wednesday, 03/06/15 Mayor and Cabinet | Kevin Sheehan, Executive Director for Customer Services and Councillor Damien Egan, Cabinet Member Housing | | |

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| February 2015 | ICT Service Review | Wednesday, 03/06/15 Mayor and Cabinet | Kevin Sheehan, Executive Director for Customer Services and Councillor Kevin Bonavia, Cabinet Member Resources | | |
| April 2015 | Children’s Centres Contract Extension | Wednesday, 03/06/15 Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts) | Frankie Sulke, Executive Director for Children and Young People and Councillor Paul Maslin, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People | | |
| April 2015 | Housing Grounds Maintenance Contract | Wednesday, 03/06/15 Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts) | Kevin Sheehan, Executive Director for Customer Services and Councillor Damien Egan, Cabinet Member Housing | | |
| September 2014 | Prevention and Inclusion Framework Contract Award | Wednesday, 03/06/15 Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts) | Aileen Buckton, Executive Director for Community Services and Councillor Chris Best, Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Older People | | |
| April 2015 | Broadway Theatre Working Group | Wednesday, 24/06/15 Council | Aileen Buckton, Executive Director for Community Services and Councillor Chris Best, Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and | | |

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| | | | Older People | | |
| December 2014 | Catford Town Centre CRPL Business Plan 2015/16 | Wednesday, 24/06/15 Council | Janet Senior, Executive Director for Resources & Regeneration and Councillor Alan Smith, Deputy Mayor | | |
| April 2015 | Constitutional Matters | Wednesday, 24/06/15 Council | Kath Nicholson, Head of Law and Councillor Alan Hall, Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee | | |
| March 2015 | Housing Strategy | Wednesday, 24/06/15 Council | Kevin Sheehan, Executive Director for Customer Services and Councillor Damien Egan, Cabinet Member Housing | | |
| February 2015 | Local Development Framework: Revised Local Development Scheme (version 7) | Wednesday, 24/06/15 Council | Janet Senior, Executive Director for Resources & Regeneration and Councillor Alan Smith, Deputy Mayor | | |
| April 2015 | Award of New Block Contractual Arrangements for Nursing Homes | Wednesday, 01/07/15 Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts) | Aileen Buckton, Executive Director for Community Services and Councillor Chris Best, Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Older People | | |
| June 2014 | Surrey Canal Triangle (New Bermondsey) - Compulsory Purchase Order Resolution | Wednesday, 15/07/15 Mayor and Cabinet | Janet Senior, Executive Director for Resources & Regeneration and | | |

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| | | | Councillor Alan Smith, Deputy Mayor | | |
| January 2015 | Waste Strategy Consultation | Wednesday, 15/07/15 Mayor and Cabinet | Kevin Sheehan, Executive Director for Customer Services and Councillor Rachel Onikosi, Cabinet Member Public Realm | | |
| November 2014 | Award of Highways Public Realm Contract Coulgate Street | Wednesday, 15/07/15 Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts) | Janet Senior, Executive Director for Resources & Regeneration and Councillor Alan Smith, Deputy Mayor | | |
| February 2015 | Review of Licensing Policy | Wednesday, 21/10/15 Mayor and Cabinet | Aileen Buckton, Executive Director for Community Services and Councillor Rachel Onikosi, Cabinet Member Public Realm | | |
| February 2015 | Review of Licensing Policy | Wednesday, 25/11/15 Council | Aileen Buckton, Executive Director for Community Services and Councillor Rachel Onikosi, Cabinet Member Public Realm | | |

| CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SELECT COMMITTEE | | |
|---|--|---------------------|
| Report Title | Children and Young People’s Plan 2015-18 | |
| Key Decision | Yes | Item no. 5 |
| Ward | All | |
| Contributors | Executive Director for Children and Young People | |
| Class | | Date: 22 April 2015 |

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members of the Children and Young People’s Select Committee the opportunity to shape the development of the new Children and Young People’s Plan (CYPP) 2015-18, and informs the Committee of the timetable for publication.

2. Recommendation

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee notes the report and considers the proposed content of the Children and Young People’s Plan 2015-18 for comment.

3. Background

3.1 Lewisham’s Children and Young People’s Plan sets out the strategic aims for all agencies working with children and young people across the Borough. We are currently in the process of developing Lewisham’s fifth Plan to cover the period 2015-18. The new Plan will continue to structure and support the work of the Children and Young People’s Strategic Partnership. It will evidence how we will work together to deliver high quality services that make a measurable difference to outcomes for our children and young people.

4. The Lewisham Context

4.1 Lewisham’s Children and Young People’s Plan will deliver against the Council’s priorities, specifically:

- Young people’s achievement & involvement
- Protection of children

4.2 Additionally, the CYPP underpins Shaping Our Future – Lewisham’s Sustainable Community Strategy 2008–2020 and sets out how partnership agencies working with children, young people and their families will support the delivery of the borough’s priorities for the wider community: ambitious and

achieving; safer; empowered and responsible; clean, green and liveable; healthy, active and enjoyable; and dynamic and prosperous.

The CYPP also takes forward our Health and Wellbeing priorities on behalf of the Health and Wellbeing Board and reflects the strategy for children and young people with the CCG.

- 4.3 Lewisham has a high proportion of 0-19 year olds, and has had a steady increase the number children in the borough in recent years. Births have increased by 34% between 2000/02 and 2009/10. Our population and in particular our school population continues to be extremely diverse with more than 170 languages spoken in our schools. Deprivation is also increasing. In the specific indicator of Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI 2010) Lewisham was ranked 19 out of all London Authorities. It is estimated that 30.3% of children in the borough live in poverty.
- 4.4 The Plan is being developed at a time of increasing demand on services, and reduced resources. In this environment we must be even more vigilant to ensure resources are targeted appropriately, using the right intervention at the right time, focused on making a real difference to children's lives.

5. **Process for developing our CYPP**

- 5.1 **Needs analysis:** To ensure we include the right priorities in the new CYPP, we are conducting a thorough needs analysis and reviewing the progress made in our previous Plan (2012-15). While we have made significant improvements across many of our priorities to improve outcomes for children and young people, the majority remain significant and relevant and will continue to be prioritised in the new CYPP.

Priorities in which we are performing well include:

- Health Assessments for our Looked After Children have improved following partnership action, with LAC aged under 4 who have a health check within the last twelve months consistently meeting 100%.
- There has been a significant increase in the number of children receiving a short break.
- Our universal and targeted support services are reaching more families.
- There is a continued strong performance in our adoption scorecard.
- Our children continue to achieve well at EYFS, Key stages 1 and 2.

Priorities where further improvement is needed include:

- Ensuring that our rate of immunisation for MMR2 (5th birthday) improves
- Although improving, teenage conceptions rates remain a challenge.
- Obesity rates both nationally and in Lewisham continue to rise.
- There is an increase in the number of children reaching the threshold for Children Social Care
- While improving, placement stability for looked after children remains a concern.
- Education standards at Key Stage 4.

- 5.2 **Collaboration and Consultation:** The CYPP 2015-18 will be developed with and informed by key partners including health, schools, the police and the

voluntary and community sector, as well as children and young people, parents and carers.

In November 2014, the Strategy team attended Voluntary Action Lewisham's CYP Forum to review our 2012-2015 CYPP, and discuss priorities for the future.

A draft structure for the 2015-2018 CYPP was then developed, and taken to the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Board in January 2015 to seek agreement to consult more formally.

Papers presenting the outline of the new CYPP have been taken to key partnership fora and working groups to seek feedback and agree key outcomes, actions and performance measures for the new plan, including Lewisham CCG, CYP Joint Commissioning Group, the Healthy Child Programme Board, the SEND programme board, the Health of LAC group and Secondary Heads.

This consultation programme will continue to ensure that all stakeholders are fully engaged to ensure that our CYPP 2015-18 continues to reflect our collective ambition and commitment to work together to improve outcomes for our children and young people.

6. Proposed Structure & Content of the CYPP 2015-18

- 6.1** It is proposed to develop a structure for our CYPP that will be suitable for web based publication. Key messages that are central to our partnership and CYPP will remain: our aim, vision and values and our culture:

Our Vision and Values:

Together with families, we will improve the lives and life chances of the children and young people in Lewisham

- We will put our children and young people first every time
- We will have the highest aspirations and ambitions for all our children and young people
- We will make a positive difference to the lives of children and young people

Our Culture:

- We all work for children
- All Lewisham's children are all of our concern
- All money is children's money
- We intervene early and target children and families at risk of poor outcomes – including siblings
- We all have personal responsibility to integrate and share information
- There can be no resignation from the TAC – we do not just refer on, we have no wrong door

6.2 Priorities

We will deliver our CYPP 2015-2018 through **priority areas**, which will include our partnership actions linked to robust performance measures for the next three years, and **key areas for impact**, which are areas where we know that partnership action is required to achieve our outcomes.

Informed by our needs analysis and our consultation to date, it is proposed that we have four priority areas as set out below –

- **Stay safe** - All our children and young people will live in safe and stable homes, where they are kept safe and are able to thrive. Abusive relationships will be challenged by all, so that children grow up surrounded and supported by secure and healthy relationships. The priority Stay Safe will remain to ensure safeguarding remains a central focus across the work of the Partnership.

To ensure that our children and young people stay safe we will:

- Reduce child abuse and neglect
- Reduce harm to children and young people at risk.
This includes risk from domestic violence and abuse inc FGM and forced marriage, Child Sexual Exploitation, the 'Prevent' agenda.
- Provide secure and consistent support for LAC
- Provide early help and support to families at risk of poor outcomes
- Ensure young people feel safe, including victims of crime
- Reduce anti-social behaviour and youth offending.

- **Resilience** - Children, young people and families are able to sustain their own emotional and physical health and wellbeing, knowing when and where to go for support. Strong, supportive relationships with parents, peers and their communities will help children and young people to overcome challenges and adversity, leading to improved life outcomes.

To ensure that we build the resilience of our children and young people, and their families we will:

- Increase breastfeeding and promote attachment
- Reduce toxic stress in the early years
- Provide an integrated Early years offer (Health Visiting, Children's Centres and Maternity Services)
- Promote emotional resilience (Headstart)
- Ensure access to holistic support for children, young people and families
- Provide integrated support for young children with SEND
- Meet the housing needs of young people
- Strengthen further participation and involvement

- **Achieve and attain** - All children will enter school at a good level of development and continue to be engaged and participate in learning, with a secure range of opportunities that meet their individual needs and interests, including extracurricular and social opportunities as they move into adulthood and work.

So that our children and young people achieve their full potential, at school and as they move into employment, education and training post 16, we will:

- Ensure all our children are 'school ready'
 - Raise achievement for all our children and young people at all Key Stages
 - Provide support for young carers.
 - Improve attendance, especially in Secondary school
 - Ensure there are sufficient school places for every Lewisham child
 - Reduce the number of young people who are NEET 16-24
 - Raise participation and achievement at age 19.
- **Healthy and active** - Children and families will be confident and able to make healthy lifestyle choices including diet, nutrition and activity, and will understand how this can improve development and wellbeing.

To ensure that our children, young people and families are enabled to lead healthy lives we will:

- Improve our rate of Immunisations
- Reduce low birth weight
- Reduce childhood obesity
- Promote mental and emotional wellbeing
- Improve the health of Looked After Children
- Promote culture, sport, leisure and play activities
- Further reduce teenage conceptions and the rate of STIs
- Reduce substance misuse

6.3 Key Areas for Impact

The Partnership remains committed to our key areas of impact, and those in our 2012-2015 CYPP remain relevant now:

- **Intervene Early to Make a Difference** - Continue the work achieved by the partnership so far in embedding early intervention and targeted support approaches so that they have direct impact for children.
- **Involve Children and Young People and their families** - Ensuring that children and young people are involved in every part of the services that they receive – at an individual level, for example in their Education, Health and Care Plans, and at a strategic level, for example in the commissioning cycle, and our young people's forum guiding our Headstart programme.
- **Have the best people working for our children and young people** - All organisations working with, and for our children and young people will have a strong, committed and highly skilled workforce supported by outstanding leadership and management.
- **Close the gaps and secure social mobility** - To ensure that the highest ambitions and aspirations for all our children are promoted across the partnership, with a focus on closing the gaps

6.4 Governance, resources & joint commissioning intentions

As part of the development of the CYPP 2015-2018, the Partnership will review governance arrangements, especially in light of the proposals developed as part of Lewisham's 'A Better Start' Bid, to ensure that children and young people, residents, the voluntary and community sector, service providers and the public sector have full engagement and ownership of outcomes and impact for our children and young people.

The Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Board will be the board overseeing the delivery and impact of the CYPP 2015-2018, providing leadership and direction across agencies that deliver services to children, young people and their families in the borough.

The Joint Commissioning Group (JCG) sits below the CYPSPB and has responsibility for bringing together resources across the partnership and to ensure that these are aligned to deliver efficient and effective services, designed to improve outcomes. The JCG will be responsible for delivery and monitoring of partnership resources and the joint commissioning intentions within the CYPP 2015-2018.

The LSCB also reports into the CYPSPB and has responsibility for ensuring that safeguarding practice and process are robust and effective across the partnership.

As part of the infrastructure of the Partnership, a number of working groups are in place to deliver against priorities in the Children and Young People's Plan. These are time limited groups that are reviewed regularly.

7. Next steps and key dates

7.1 Below are key dates in the development and completion of the Children and Young People's Plan 2015-18

| Activity | By when |
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| Consultation and Engagement with key stakeholders | January - April 2015 |
| Stakeholder event | May 2015 |
| Final Draft of the Plan presented for agreement by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children and Young People's Joint Commissioning Group – Commissioning Intentions• Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Board• Children and Young People's Select Committee• Mayor and Cabinet | June 2015 July 2015 September 2015 September 2015 |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Publication of the Children and Young People's Plan 2015-18 | September 2015 |
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