

Children and Young People Select Committee			
Title	Select Committee work programme		
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Class	Part 1 (Open)	14 September 2016	

1. Purpose

To advise Committee members of the work programme for the 2016/17 municipal year, and to decide on the agenda items for the next meeting.

2. Summary

- 2.1 At the beginning of the new administration, each select committee drew up a draft work programme for submission to the Business Panel for consideration.
- 2.2 The Business Panel considered the proposed work programmes of each of the select committees on 24 May 2016 and agreed a co-ordinated overview and scrutiny work programme. However, the work programme can be reviewed at each Select Committee meeting so that Members are able to include urgent, high priority items and remove items that are no longer a priority.

3. Recommendations

3.1 The Committee is asked to:

- note the work plan attached at **Appendix B** and discuss any issues arising from the programme;
- specify the information and analysis required in the report for each item on the agenda for the next meeting, based on desired outcomes, so that officers are clear on what they need to provide;
- discuss the information and analysis required for the scope on the Committee's review into transition from primary to secondary school as listed in **section 6** of this report;
- review all forthcoming key decisions, attached at **Appendix C**, and consider any items for further scrutiny.

4. The work programme

4.1 The work programme for 2016/17 was agreed at the Committee's meeting on 13 April 2016.

4.2 The Committee is asked to consider if any urgent issues have arisen that require scrutiny and if any existing items are no longer a priority and can be removed from the work programme. Before adding additional items, each item should be considered against agreed criteria. The flow chart attached at **Appendix A** may help Members decide if proposed additional items should be added to the work

programme. The Committee's work programme needs to be achievable in terms of the amount of meeting time available. If the committee agrees to add additional item(s) because they are urgent and high priority, Members will need to consider which medium/low priority item(s) should be removed in order to create sufficient capacity for the new item(s).

5. The next meeting

5.1 The following reports are scheduled for the meeting on 14 September 2016:

Agenda item	Review type	Link to Corporate Priority	Priority
Response to recommendations CIAG in schools	In-depth review	Young people's achievement and involvement and Protection of Children	High
Education Commission Action Plan and referral response	Performance monitoring	Young people's achievement and involvement and Protection of Children	High
Scoping Paper – In-depth review on Transition from Primary to Secondary	In-depth review	Young people's achievement and involvement and Protection of Children	High
Lewisham Safeguarding Childrens Board Annual Report	Performance monitoring	Protection of Children	High
Update on Secondary School Improvement Strategy inc. provisional results	Performance monitoring	Young people's achievement and involvement	High
Music Services Proposals	Policy Development	Young people's achievement and involvement	Medium

5.2 The Committee is asked to specify the information and analysis it would like to see in the reports for these item, based on the outcomes the committee would like to achieve, so that officers are clear on what they need to provide for the next meeting.

6 Scoping Paper – in-depth review on Transition from Primary to Secondary

6.1 The Children and Young People Select Committee has agreed to undertake a review into the transition between primary and secondary schools (key stage 2 to key stage 3) as its in-depth review for the 2016/17 municipal year.

6.2 At this meeting, members of the Committee and Young Advisors are asked to consider whether there are particular points they wish to ensure are covered in the detailed scope that the Committee will consider at its October meeting.

It is proposed that the review considers a number of indicators such as attainment, attendance, participation, behaviour, bullying and mental health and looks to find good practice examples of where transition is working well and how this can be replicated.

- 6.3 The review could look at the national and local context, at the issues faced by schools, local authorities, pupils and parents. It will draw on national experts and look at examples from local schools and experiences from young people in Lewisham. A recent academic study at UCL on identifying factors that predict successful and difficult transitions to secondary schools could be particularly useful when considering the national context and good practice.
- 6.4 The review is likely to include a number of visits to local schools. These could include: Barings Primary School; Bonus Pastor and St William of York; and/or Conisborough and Rangefield. The visits would look at partnerships between schools and how the schools prepare, pupils, parents and teachers for the transition.
- 6.5 The Committee have already noted that they are keen to draw on the views and experiences from Young Advisors and to ensure that Young Advisors are involved in the review process. They therefore particularly welcome contributions at this meeting to help shape the scope of the review.
- 6.6 The review would be timely as the Committee's findings could feed into the ongoing work being undertaken by the CYP Directorate on transition and good practice in particular the Transition Review and the work of the LBL Transition Working Party.

7. Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

8. 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.

9. Equalities Implications

- 9.1 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.

9.2 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.

9.3 There may be equalities implications arising from items on the work programme and all activities undertaken by the Select Committee will need to give due consideration to this.

10. Date of next meeting

10.1 The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 12 October 2016.

Background Documents

Lewisham Council's Constitution

Centre for Public Scrutiny: the Good Scrutiny Guide

Scrutiny work programme – prioritisation process

