Forward Plan – BCP Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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The following forward plan items are suggested as early priorities to the Children's Services O&S Committee by the Chairman and Vice Chairman, following consultation with officers.

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| 27 July | 27 July 2021 | | | | | | | |
| 1. | Covid Recovery – Summer Offer | To enable the Committee to maintain oversight of this issue and target scrutiny as required. | Committee Report | Kelly Twitchen, Headteacher, Virtual School | Requested as recurring Agenda Items | | | |
| 2. | Partnership Academy development – Social Work initiative | To enable the Committee to maintain oversight of this issue and target scrutiny as required. | Committee Report | Brian Relph, Interim Service Director – CYPSC & Rachel Gravett, Children's Commissioner | Delayed at the request of CS Officers as was felt further work needed to be undertaken | | | |
| 3. | BCP Safeguarding Delivery Committee | To enable the Committee to consider prior to recommendation to Cabinet. | Committee Report | Anthony Douglas, Chair, C&YPPB and Debra Jones, Children's Commissioning Manager – Partnerships and Development (interim) | Delayed due to Cabinet consideration | | | |

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| 21 Sept | 21 September 2021 | | | | | | | |
| 4. | Harmonisation Report | To provide the Committee with an overview | Committee Report | Lucy Eldred, HR | Delayed by CS Officers as further work was required | | | |
| 5. | Ofsted Improvement Plan Progress Update | To enable the Committee to maintain oversight of this issue and target scrutiny as required. | Committee Report | Anthony Douglas, Chair, C&YPPB and Elaine Redding, Interim Corporate Director, Children's Services | Requested as recurring Agenda Items | | | |
| 6. | Home to School Report | To enable the Committee to consider before consideration at Cabinet | Committee Report | Rachel Gravett/Angie Hill | Requested by Debra Jones by email on 7/4/21 | | | |
| 7. | Covid Recovery – Summer response | To enable the Committee to maintain oversight of this issue and target scrutiny as required. | Committee Report | Elaine Redding, Interim Corporate Director, Children's Services | Requested as recurring Agenda Items | | | |
| 8. | Children's Services Capital Programme | To enable the Committee to consider prior to recommendation to Cabinet. | Committee Report | TBC | Moved from July to September at request of Corporate Director | | | |

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| 9. | School Placed Planning Strategy | To enable the Committee to consider before consideration at Cabinet | Committee Report | Terry Reynolds, | Requested by Debra Jones by email on 19/5/21 |

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| 10. | Ofsted Improvement Plan Progress Update | To enable the Committee to maintain oversight of this issue and target scrutiny as required. | Committee Report | Anthony Douglas, Chair, C&YPPB and Elaine Redding, Interim Corporate Director, Children's Services | Requested as recurring Agenda Items |
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| 11. | Covid Recovery | To enable the Committee to maintain oversight of this issue and target scrutiny as required. | Committee Report | Elaine Redding, Interim Director, Children's Services | Requested as recurring Agenda Items |
| 12. | Proposed BCP NEET offer (the plan) | To enable the Committee to maintain oversight of this issue and target scrutiny as required. | Committee Report | Kelly Twitchen, Headteacher, Virtual School | Requested by Committee on 29/3/21 |
| 13. | Children Missing out on Education (CMOE) Report to include how Pupil Premium is being | To enable the Committee to maintain oversight of this issue and target scrutiny as required. | Committee Report | Kelly Twitchen, Headteacher, Virtual School | Requested by Committee on 29/3/21 |

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| | used to reduce these numbers | | | | |
| 14. | Inclusion Enquiry Update | To enable the Committee to maintain oversight of this issue and target scrutiny as required. | Committee Report | Anthony Douglas? | Requested at Committee on 8/6/21 |
| 15. | Update on Longspee School/BLC project | To enable the Committee to maintain oversight of this issue and target scrutiny as required. | Committee Report | Terry Reynolds? | Requested at Committee on 8/6/21 |
| 25 Janu | ary 2022 | | | | |
| 16. | Virtual School Head Annual report | To enable the Committee to maintain oversight of this issue and target scrutiny as required. | Committee Report (every January) | Kelly Twitchen | Requested via email on 8/4 by Debra Jones |
| 17. | Youth Justice Plan to include current data | To enable the Committee to maintain oversight of this issue and target scrutiny as required. | Committee Report | David Webb, Manager, Youth Offending Service | Requested at Committee on 8/6/21. |
| 18. | SEND Improvement Journey | To enable the Committee to maintain oversight of this issue and target scrutiny as required. | Committee Report | TBC | Requested at Committee on 8/6/21. |

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| 19. | Sufficiency Strategy Update | To enable the Committee to maintain oversight of this issue and target scrutiny as required. | Committee Report | Sarah Langdale | Requested at Committee on 8/6/21. | |
| DATE to | be allocated | | | | | |
| 1. | Report on Children in Care To include details of any protected characteristics detailed within the Equalities Act | To enable the Committee to maintain oversight of this issue and target scrutiny as required. | Committee Report | Brian Relph, Interim Service Director, Children's and Young People's Social Care | Delayed at the request of CS Officers due to capacity within Children's Services and the need to prioritise | |
| 2. | Child Exploitation To include an update on County Lines and knife crime. | To enable the Committee to maintain oversight of this issue and target scrutiny as required. | Committee Report – all Member briefing taking place 2 March - TBC | Lynn McIntosh, Strategic Lead Complex Safeguarding and Quality Assurance | | |
| Information Briefing – date to be arranged - to be parked for present review after Feb | | | | | | |
| 3. | School Inclusion and Exclusion | To consider the rate of exclusions at secondary schools within the BCP area and the underlying reasons for the exclusion | Inquiry session with headteachers / school representatives / alternative provision / LA role | Elaine Redding, Interim Corporate Director, Children's Services and | | |

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| | | rates. To investigate the actions that the Council are able to take in this matter and the outcome that they are delivering. | Committee Report | Director of Education (TBC) | |
| 4. | Post-16 Provision – to include apprenticeship programme and provision for those without good GCSE | | Informal Briefing – Cllr Northover? | Kelly Twitchen Head Teacher Virtual School Inclusion and Family Services Children's Services | |

Commissioned Work

Work commissioned by the Committee (for example task and finish groups and working groups) is listed below:

Note – to provide sufficient resource for effective scrutiny, one item of commissioned work will run at a time. Further commissioned work can commence upon completion of previous work.

| • | Visit to MASH (to be arranged when restrictions allow) | To enable Committee Members to gain insight into front line services | Shadowing | Brian Relph, Interim Service Director, Children's and Young People's Social Care | |
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| • | School Exclusion Rates Committee to agree enquiry session. | | | TBC | |

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Update Items

The following items of information have been requested as updates to the Committee.

The Committee may wish to receive these in an alternative to format to Committee updates (e.g. by emailed briefing note outside of the Committee) to reserve capacity in Committee meetings for items of value-added scrutiny.

| • | BCP Children's Services Self-Assessment TO BE REPLACED WITH THE OFSTED ACTION PLAN | To enable the Committee to maintain oversight of this issue and target scrutiny as required. | To be received quarterly by email and to receive a Committee Report biannually. To be considered at September Meeting | TBC | |
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| • | Children in Care To receive updated information at regular intervals on this matter, including how the council has effected positive change in relation to these figures. | To enable the Committee to maintain oversight of this issue and target scrutiny as required. | To be received quarterly. | Brian Relph, Interim Service Director, Children's and Young People's Social Care | |
| • | Child Exploitation To receive updated information at regular intervals on this matter, including how the council has effected positive | To enable the Committee to maintain oversight of this issue and target scrutiny as required. | To be received quarterly. Considered in September 2020, an all Member briefing scheduled for 2 March 2021 | Lynn McIntosh, Strategic Lead Complex Safeguarding and Quality Assurance | |

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| | change in relation to these figures. | | | | |
| • | Assurance of the impact of the Pan-Dorset Youth Offending Services Board | To enable the Committee to maintain oversight of this issue and target scrutiny as required. | Data to be received six monthly. | David Webb, Youth Offending Service | |
| | To include a snapshot updates of entrance numbers to the Youth Offending Services. | | | | |
| • | Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) To receive KPIs to include updates on CMOEs and NEETs | To enable the Committee to maintain oversight of this issue and target scrutiny as required. | To be received quarterly. | TBC | |