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**Report to:** Overview and Scrutiny Committee **Date of Meeting:** 27 January 2015  
(Children's Services)

**Subject:** Work Programme-Key Decision Forward Plan (1February to 31 May 2015)

**Report of:** Director of Corporate Services

**Wards Affected:** All

**Is this a Key Decision?** No

**Is it included in the Forward Plan?** No

**Exempt/Confidential**

No

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### **Purpose/Summary**

To submit to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee the latest Key Decision Forward Plan and Work Programme.

### **Recommendations**

1. The Committee is invited to consider the item for pre-scrutiny from the attached Key Decision Forward Plan.
2. The Committee's instructions in relation to the draft work programme document are requested.
3. The views of the Committee are requested on the possible inclusion of Alder Hey Children's Hospital NHS Trust in the draft relevant joint working protocol.
4. The Committee is requested to approve the replacement of Councillor Hartill with Councillor Ball on the School Performance Working Group.

### **How does the decision contribute to the Council's Corporate Objectives?**

	<b><u>Corporate Objective</u></b>	<b><u>Positive Impact</u></b>	<b><u>Neutral Impact</u></b>	<b><u>Negative Impact</u></b>
1	Creating a Learning Community		√	
2	Jobs and Prosperity		√	
3	Environmental Sustainability		√	
4	Health and Well-Being		√	
5	Children and Young People	√		
6	Creating Safe Communities		√	
7	Creating Inclusive Communities	√		
8	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening Local Democracy	√		

**Reasons for the Recommendations:**

The pre-scrutiny process assists the Cabinet and Cabinet Members to make effective decisions by examining issues beforehand and making recommendations prior to a determination being made.

Any work programme topics should be chosen to demonstrate that the work which scrutiny undertakes will add value to the Council.

**What will it cost and how will it be financed?**

N/A

**Implications:**

The following implications of this proposal have been considered and where there are specific implications, these are set out below:

<b>Legal:</b> There are no legal implications arising from the contents of this report.	
<b>Human Resources</b>	
<b>Equality</b>	
1. No Equality Implication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Equality Implications identified and mitigated	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Equality Implication identified and risk remains	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Impact on Service Delivery:**

N/A

**What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?**

The Head of Corporate Finance and ICT has no comments on this report because the contents of the report have no financial implications (FD 3389/15).

The Head of Corporate Legal Services has no comments on this report because the contents of the report have no legal implications (LD 2681/15).

**Are there any other options available for consideration?**

No

**Implementation Date for the Decision**

Immediately following the Committee meeting.

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**Background Papers:**

There are no background papers available for inspection.

## **1. KEY DECISION FORWARD PLAN**

- 1.1 Members may request to pre-scrutinise items from the Key Decision Forward Plan. Such items must fall under the remit (Terms of Reference) of this Committee.
- 1.2 The pre-scrutiny process assists the Cabinet and Cabinet Members to make effective decisions by examining issues beforehand and making recommendations prior to a determination being made.
- 1.3 The Overview and Scrutiny Management Board has requested that only those Key Decisions which fall under the remit of each Overview and Scrutiny Committee should be included on the agenda for consideration.
- 1.4 The latest Forward Plan is attached at **Appendix A**.
- 1.5 There is one item within the current Plan which falls within the remit of this Committee, namely Children's Transport Policies.
- 1.6 If Members require further information in relation to this item, they are advised to contact the officer named in the Plan, prior to the meeting.
- 1.7 *The Committee is invited to consider the item for pre-scrutiny from the attached Key Decision Forward Plan.***

## **2. WORK PROGRAMME TOPICS 2014/15**

**2.1 *To assist the Committee, the attached draft work programme document for 2014/15 (Appendix B) has been prepared and Members are invited to comment on this, if appropriate.***

## **3. JOINT WORKING PROTOCOLS**

3.1 At its meeting on 6 January 2015, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Health and Social Care) considered draft joint working protocols between that Committee and other local health bodies, in response to the document produced by the Department of Health entitled "Local Authority Health Scrutiny: Guidance to Support Local Authorities and their Partners to deliver Effective Health Scrutiny" and in order to demonstrate that clear understanding on respective roles between the health scrutiny function and other health bodies existed in Sefton.

3.2 In considering the draft protocol between the Committee and NHS organisations in Sefton and surrounding areas that provide services to residents of Sefton, a Member of the Committee suggested that Alder Hey Children's Hospital NHS Trust might be included within the protocol. Members of the Committee discussed the possibility of holding an informal meeting of the Committee to discuss future agenda items and the focus of this Committee.

3.3 The Committee resolved that "the Senior Democratic Services Officer be authorised to seek guidance from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Children's Services) on

the possible inclusion of Alder Hey Children's Hospital NHS Trust in the draft relevant protocol”.

***3.4 The views of the Committee are requested.***

## **5. SCHOOL PERFORMANCE WORKING GROUP**

5.1 The Conservative Group has indicated that it wishes to replace Councillor Hartill with Councillor Ball on the School Performance Working Group.

***4.2 The Committee is requested to approve this change of membership.***