
Report to: Overview and Scrutiny Committee **Date of Meeting:** 31 March 2015
(Children's Services)

Subject: Work Programme-Key Decision Forward Plan (1April to 31 July 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

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 items for pre-scrutiny from the attached Key Decision Forward Plan.
2. The Committee is requested to note the work programme document for 2014/15 and the fact that a work programme document for 2015/16 will be submitted to the next meeting for approval.
3. The views of the Committee are requested on the possible inclusion of Alder Hey Children's Hospital NHS Trust in the relevant draft joint working protocol.

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

	<u>Corporate Objective</u>	<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
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:

Legal: There are no legal implications arising from the contents of this report.		
Human Resources		
Equality		
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 (FD3494/15).

The Head of Corporate Legal Services has no comments on this report because the contents of the report have no legal implications (LD2786/15).

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 are three items within the current Plan which fall within the remit of this Committee, namely Community Adolescent Service – Residential Accommodation, Children’s Transport Review and Children with Disability – Eligibility Criteria.
- 1.6 If Members require further information in relation to these items, they are advised to contact the officers named in the Plan, prior to the meeting.
- 1.7 *The Committee is invited to consider the items for pre-scrutiny from the attached Key Decision Forward Plan.***

2. WORK PROGRAMME TOPICS 2014/15

2.1 *The attached work programme document for 2014/15 (Appendix B) has been prepared and Members are invited to comment note this. A revised draft work programme document for 2015/16 will be submitted to the meeting of the Committee to be held on 23 June 2015.*

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”. The draft protocol has been separately supplied to members of this Committee.

3.4 The views of the Committee are requested.