

CHILDRENS AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 22

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee (CYPOSC) Work Plan for 2008/9

Date of Meeting: Wednesday 24 September 2008

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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 At the previous meeting of CYPOSC held on the 25 June 2008, it was decided to hold a Work Plan meeting to discuss the draft Work Programme.
- 1.2 The Work Planning Group met on the 28 July 2008 to agree a draft CYPOSC Work Plan for 2008/9

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That Members approve the draft Work Plan for 2008/9 (see **Appendix 1**).

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 At this meeting the following Councillors were present:
Councillors Older (Chairman), Allen (substitute for McCaffrey) & Duncan.
- 3.2 Items on the Forward Plan and Priorities from the Local Area Agreement (LAA) were considered for the Work Plan.

3.3 Other items considered were:

- The Director of Health's Annual Report
- The strategy for dealing with Children with complex health needs
- Primary School Admissions
- Energy costs of schools
- Performance figures
- Gypsy and Travellers' Children
- How schools are addressing the needs of non-English speaking children
- Palmeira House
- Children's Centres
- Children's and Young people's voice and participation (Contact Point and Aspire)
- The new preventative strategy aimed at reducing the number of children in care
- Staffing ratio's on Social services
- Policy on merging Schools

These were put forward by Members and Co-optees.

4. CONSULTATION

4.1 No formal consultation was undertaken.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

5.1 There are no financial implications, beyond the use of the resources of the Overview and Scrutiny team.

Legal Implications:

5.2 No legal implications are anticipated and no legal advice has been sought.

Equalities Implications:

5.3 Some of the items listed in the work programme have significant equalities implications and members should bear this in mind when considering the work programme.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 Some of the items listed in the work programme have some sustainability implications and members should bear this in mind when considering the work programme.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 No crime and disorder implications have been identified.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 No risk and opportunity management implications have been identified.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.7 In determining the work programme for CYPOSC, members should be aware of the Council's corporate priorities, particularly the priority to "reduce inequality by increasing opportunity" .

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. **Appendix 1** is the draft Work Plan

Documents in Members' Rooms:

Not applicable.

Background Documents:

1. Work Planning Group Meeting notes.

