

## Agenda Item 8

### Forward Work Programme

#### For Information – Potential scrutiny items arising from Cabinet Key Decisions

In consideration of its Forward Work Programme (below), the Committee may have regard to the Council's Key Decision Forward Plan, which is available on the [Council's website](#). An extracted summary of those items that relate to Education and Children's Services is as follows:

EXTRACT from CABINET KEY DECISIONS PLAN: 14 November 2016 to 21 March 2017

<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Summary Description</u>
15 November 2016	Quarterly Budget Monitoring Report 2016-17	This report will summarise the Council's latest Revenue and Capital financial position. It will include forecast spending for each Directorate and an explanation of under and over spendings compared to the budget.
15 November 2016	Implementation of the Apprenticeship Reform Programme for Suffolk	Central Government expect the Apprenticeship Reform programme to be implemented by employers from April 2017 in order to increase the number and quality of apprentices and contribute to national productivity and growth.
13 December 2016	Peasenhall-Yoxford: Consultation Outcomes - final decision	To consider the outcome of the representations and to determine the statutory notices.
24 January 2017	Closure of Mill Meadow Pupil Referral Unit	Cabinet is asked to approve a recommendation to close Mill Meadow Pupil Referral unit which has been judged by Ofsted to be in Special Measures. Neither the DfE nor the LA has been able to attract a suitable sponsor for the Unit. The cost of the refurbishing the present accommodation does not represent good value and the LA's preferred course of action is to close the provision and transfer pupils to other high quality settings as soon as possible.
24 January 2017	Resources Budget 2017-18 and Medium Term Financial Plan	This report will summarise the Council's Revenue and Capital Budgets for 2016-17 and will outline the background, financial environment, scrutiny and consultation arrangements.
9 February 2017	Resources Budget 2017 18 and Medium Term Financial Plan	The County Council is being asked to consider the proposed Revenue and Capital Budgets for 2017-18 as recommended by the Cabinet.

## Education & Children's Services Scrutiny Committee – Forward Work Programme

- i. Scrutiny items should have regard to the County Council's priorities; 1. Raising educational attainment & skills, 2. Supporting LEPs and economic growth, 3. Maintaining roads & developing infrastructure, 4. Supporting the most vulnerable, 5. Empowering local communities.
- ii. The Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee is responsible for scrutinising how the Council, and the other organisations with which it works, secure the best possible educational achievement and [wellbeing](#) for every child.

<b>Meeting date</b>	<b>Subject / Council Priority</b>	<b>Description including why it is coming to committee for scrutiny and the anticipated outcomes</b>	<b>Who would the Committee wish to hear from?</b>
<b><i>Thursday 19 January 2017 (Health Scrutiny Committee)</i></b>	<i>Suffolk Health Scrutiny – participation in scrutiny of Children &amp; Young People Emotional Health and Wellbeing</i>	<i>Education &amp; Children's Services Scrutiny Committee members are invited to participate in joint discussion, with Health Scrutiny Committee members, of the system-wide progress regarding Children &amp; Young People Emotional Health and Wellbeing, following on from the previous review of this topic by Health Scrutiny Committee in January 2016.</i>	

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<b>Wednesday, 1 March 2017</b>	Children Needing Help and Protection	<p>Requested at workshop on 13/10/16. Reference the recent Ofsted report, that was overall 'Good'. Scope to include focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Child Exploitation; how is the LA working with police &amp; others? (scope for joint work with Police &amp; Crime Panel?)</li> <li>- Learning from Leeds City Council ( <a href="http://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/local-authorities/leeds">http://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/local-authorities/leeds</a> ) and other authorities?</li> <li>- Children &amp; Young People Emotional Health and Wellbeing (following on specific items from 19 Jan joint discussion)</li> <li>- Update on the progress of the IYFAP (In Year Fair Access Panel)</li> <li>- Sexual abuse in schools <i>[Item suggested at 8 Sep 2015 mtg - ref. a national <a href="#">report in the Press</a> that same week].</i> Sexual education in schools. <i>[Item suggested at 6/9/16 mtg.]</i></li> </ul> <p>Also, an Information Bulletin item on the impact of the Children and Social Work Bill 2016-17?</p>	
<b>Wednesday, 28 June 2017</b>	<i>(Provisional) Post-16 Transport, especially in Rural Areas</i>	<p><i>[NB. This will be after the May 2017 Elections, however work will need to have been scoped and put in train in advance]</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The educational impacts of the new post 16 Discretionary Transport changes <i>[Item suggested at workshop 6 Nov 2015]</i></li> <li>- Also look at the Annual Complaints report – education transport was one of the top three complaint areas</li> <li>- 'Hidden Needs' element / impact – are we targeting resources appropriately?</li> </ul>	
<b>Wednesday, 6 September 2017</b>	<i>Agenda items to be confirmed</i>		
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At each meeting there will be an **Information Bulletin**. Standing items for inclusion are:

- A summary of Schools Forum meetings that have taken place recently (requested 11/6/2014)
- An update every 6 months on the progress of Actions / Recommendations from previous scrutiny mtgs (requested 11/6/14)
- (at each mtg) The 'state of play' of progress on implementing the Ofsted Action Plan for School Improvement Service (requested 8/9/15)

Other recently suggested items, not yet agreed or scheduled:

- A future workshop discussion about the schools capital / maintenance programme [Item suggested at workshop 6 Nov 2015]
- Request for Info Bulletin on issues with getting good Governors into PRUs [issue raised via Schools Forum]
- Recruitment and training of school governors? (Governor Appointments Committee on 4 Feb 2016 decided to invite the Chairman & Vice Chairman of Education & Children's Services Scrutiny Committee to consider the issues of governor recruitment and training. *[NB. EdCS Scr Ctte looked at Governance in Dec.2014] [Wait until there is clarity re: the govt. White Paper on education excellence]*
- Quality of apprenticeships *[Item suggested at 6/9/16 mtg.]*
- More 'Site Visits' and 'Service user engagement' for committee members, eg. recent visit to MyGo centre.

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For further information on any item appearing on this forward work programme, or if you wish to discuss possible items for future scrutiny, please contact Councillor Graham Newman, Chairman of the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee on [Graham.Newman@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:Graham.Newman@suffolk.gov.uk)