

APPENDIX 2

Progress in response to recommendations made and issues requiring action raised by the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee.

Committee date: 19 March 2010

Safeguarding Arrangements.....	
Recommendations	Response/Action
<p>1. in view of the range of services covered in questions 7 and 8 a Member briefing note be provided expanding on the various elements covered and, following consideration of the briefing note, the Chairman consider placing an item on the work programme for future discussion;</p>	<p>Briefing note issued to Members on 5 August 2010</p>
<p>2. The Committee recommends that a seminar be arranged in the near future to remind all members of their duties as Corporate Parents; and</p>	<p>Seminar being arranged for 1 November 2010.</p>
<p>3. A Member briefing note be provided setting out the number of pupil transfers requested due to bullying.</p>	<p>Data being collated and analysed.</p>

Revenue Budget Monitoring	
Recommendations	Response/Action
<p>That the report be noted and a Member briefing note be provided indicating the take up of the Music Services and cross correlating the results with the take up of free schools meals.</p>	<p>Briefing report prepared and sent to Members 9 September 2010</p>

Performance Digest	
Additional Actions	Response/Action
1. a briefing note be provided on Pupil Admission Numbers / surplus school capacity once these have been confirmed for 2010/11.	Briefing note issued to members on 5 August 2010. Information is also available via the Council's web site.

Committee date: 14 June 2010

Idea Safeguarding Peer Review Update	
Recommendations	Response/Action
RESOLVED: that the Committee recommend that the Cabinet Member(s) concentrate on the priority areas identified by the Safeguarding peer review and report on progress to the Committee in 6 – 9 months time.	Issue discussed with Cabinet Members on 26 August 2010. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action plan established. • Milestones on target. • Some responses integrated into the unannounced inspection action plan. <p>Logged in the work programme for 10 December 2010.</p>

Annual Report by Cabinet Members	
Recommendations	Response/Action
2. a Member Briefing note be produced setting out the statistics on children at risk from parents and parents at risk from children.	Briefing note sent to Members 9 September 2010.

School swimming Update	
Recommendations	Response/Action
1. Halo Leisure be invited to give a further update on school swimming performance in one years time;	Invitation has been extended and the item has been logged in the work programme for June/July 2011.

<p>2. It is recommended that Halo continue to compile a database on pupil/ school swimming attainment;</p> <p>3. It is recommended that Halo continue to expand the training of teachers to assist in giving swimming lessons; and</p>	<p>Both Committee suggestions have been forwarded to Halo for consideration.</p>
<p>4. A Members briefing note be provided on the take-up of free swimming and outline how Halo have managed the increase in patronage.</p>	<p>Halo consider that this has now been overtaken by the withdrawal of Government funding.</p>

Revenue Budget Monitoring Report 2009/10	
Recommendations	Response/Action
<p>1. it is recommended the Cabinet Member(s) take steps to ensure that all grant funding obtained is fully utilised and that it is done in an efficient, effective and timely way to ensure there is minimal repayment to the grant making body; and</p>	<p>Financial review and monitoring has been improved – budgets are updated and reviewed on a monthly basis and discussed both with DLT and Cabinet Members.</p>
<p>2. a Member briefing note be provided setting out those funding streams or projects that are ring-fenced and the effect of the recent announcements from national government.</p>	<p>Briefing note issued to members on 5 August 2010.</p>

Capital Budget Report 2009/10	
Recommendations	Response/Action
<p>1. The Committee recommend that a full report on how major school building projects had been administered e.g. Riverside Primary School be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to ensure that learning and good practice was being incorporated into future projects.</p>	<p>The Recommendation has been passed to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for consideration as part of its work programme.</p>
<p>2. The Committee recommend to the Cabinet Member(s) that the feasibility work being undertaken to provide Blackmarston and Barrs Court Special Schools with additional accommodation be progressed as quickly as possible; and</p>	<p>This is still in progress.</p>
<p>3. In view of the national budget on 22nd June which it is anticipated will have implications for capital budgets a Member briefing note be provided setting out the major changes and their likely effect on projects.</p>	<p>A report will be prepared (or incorporated into the normal capital budget) once the Comprehensive Spending Review has been announced on 20 October 2010.</p>

Performance Digest year end 2009/10	
Recommendations	Response/Action
<p>1. Committee recommends that Cabinet Member(s) consider an earlier implementation date for the 24/7 emergency telephone response required to meet National Indicator 51; and</p>	<p>Work in progress.</p>

2. Committee recommends that closer working arrangements be brought about between the CAMHs and child psychology service.	Work in progress