

**Children's Services Scrutiny Committee  
Work Programme 2006/07**

<b>31st May 2006</b>	
(9.15 – 9.45 a.m. - Cllr only pre meeting for question setting)	
Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on Management Re-structure of the Directorate – including relationship with schools. (SF to do agenda paper with copy of recent letter).</li> <li>• Safeguarding Children – inc Criminal Record Check Policy.</li> </ul>
Scrutiny Reviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Behaviour and Discipline Management in Schools. (prepare Scoping Statement as precursor to deciding to undertake Scrutiny Review.)</li> </ul>
<b>19th June 2006</b>	
Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The effect of Homelessness, and associated issues, on Young People in Herefordshire.</li> <li>• Presentation By Cabinet Member. (Annual report on what went well and what didn't go so well and what will do to improve.)</li> <li>• The JAR Improvement Plan –implications arising.</li> <li>• Monitoring Performance against JAR Imp Plan</li> </ul>
	Followed by seminar on Family Support Service in Herefordshire. At 2.00p.m C/Chamber Brockington.
<b>6th October 2006</b>	
Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress in achieving the outcomes identified in the Area Wide Inspection 14 – 19 Year Olds (inc exam outcomes*)</li> <li>• Monitoring Performance against JAR Imp Plan</li> </ul>
<b>15th December 2006</b>	
Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issues arising from the Childrens and Young Peoples Plan, Extended Schools and School Transport issues.</li> <li>• Monitoring Performance against JAR Imp Plan</li> </ul>
<b>19th March 2007</b>	
Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current School Issues e.g. School Performance, Healthy Schools, School Meals.</li> <li>• Monitoring Performance against JAR Imp Plan</li> </ul>

**Further additions to the work programme will be made as required**

Issues requested at 16.12.05 meeting and agreed to be taken into consideration as the programme evolves during the year.

- i) **Pupil transition arrangements** between primary and secondary school and between secondary school and sixth form or college. It was suggested that parental concerns about their child e.g. in relation to pupil dyslexia problems, were not being adequately communicated at the time of transition. The Director of Children's Services reported that the Joint Area Review (JAR) had identified that "planning overall for young people with learning difficulties and/or disabilities (LDD) was a weakness" and this wider aspect may be an area to which scrutiny might give consideration.
- ii) Any potential implications arising from the feasibility of the **Steiner School** at Much Dewchurch becoming an Academy.
- iii) **School Improvement Service (SIS)** - formerly IASPS – Following clarification on what aspect of the services was to be the subject of a scrutiny report, the Committee requested comparative details on school performance, particularly in relation to the 2005 exam results, including vocational training.

13 March 06 – series of fact finding visits to various services within the Directorate. be organised.

10 April 06 Chair Briefing - Committee may wish to consider Review of Schools proposals undertaken by SOC. Take to Sept 06 Committee?