

## CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

**Report By: Chairman, Children's Services Scrutiny  
Committee**

### Wards Affected

County-wide

### Purpose

- 1 To consider the Committee work programme for the remainder of 2006/07 and to nominate three Members to the Transition from Leaving Care to Adult Life Review Group.

### Financial Implications

- 2 None

### Background

- 3 In accordance with the Scrutiny Improvement Plan a report on the Committee's current Work Programme will be made to each of the scheduled quarterly meetings of this Scrutiny Committee. A copy of the current Work Programme is attached at appendix 1.
- 4 While the programme has been based on the programme agreed by Committee in December 2005, it has been varied by the Committee at subsequent meetings or by me as Chairman according to circumstances following consultation with the Vice-Chairman and the Director of Children's Services. Members are reminded that guidance for developing an effective work programme is contained in the Scrutiny Handbook previously issued to Members.
- 5 The Vice-Chairman and I are aware of a number of other issues for consideration. These have been discussed with the Director and will be added to the programme as it is further developed. The issues are listed at the foot of the programme.
- 6 Should any urgent, prominent or high profile issue arise, as Chairman I may consider calling an additional meeting to consider that issue.
- 7 Should Members become aware of any issues they consider may be added to the scrutiny programme they should contact either myself as Chairman or the Vice-Chairman to log the issue so that it may be taken in to consideration when planning future agendas or when revising the work programme.

### Transition from Leaving Care to Adult Life

- 8 Transition from Leaving Care to Adult Life – identified by this Committee and Strategic Monitoring Committee under "Every Child Matters". Strategic Monitoring

Committee has agreed that the Adult Social Care and Strategic Housing Committee will take the lead in undertaking a short piece of work, working with Members of this Committee, to look at the exchange of information between schools and Social Workers, to consider whether plans are in place with the Council's partners, how those would work in practice and to confirm that the Council was fulfilling its Corporate Parent role. In order to take this piece of work forward it is suggested that a Scrutiny Review Group be formed comprised of three Members nominated by this Committee to work with three nominated from the Adult Social Care and Strategic Housing Committee.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

### **THAT**

- a) **Three Members be nominated to serve on the Transition from Leaving Care to Adult Life Scrutiny Review Group as set out in paragraph 8; and**
- b) **subject to any comment or issues raised by the Committee the Committee work programme be approved and reported to Strategic Monitoring Committee.**

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- None identified.