

Work Programme for Municipal Year 2007-08
Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee
THE YEAR OF THE LOOKED AFTER CHILD

No	Topics / Report	Report Author	Comments ¹ and date when the report was requested
	28th June 2007		
	REVIEWS		
1.	Bullying including Homophobic (Familiarisation Stage)	FSaeed	
	MONITORING REPORTS		
2.	The review of Protocols regarding Looked After Children particularly to improve confidentiality	Jenny Coles 20 Feb'07 – Min 7	
3.	Disability Equality Duty (Ref)	F Saeed	Ref: Scrutiny Board
4.	Work Programme - Standing Item	F Saeed	
	11th October 2007		
	REVIEWS		
1.	Scoping – Bullying with a special emphasis on Homophobic bullying, Cyber Bullying & bullying against LAC	F Saeed	
	MONITORING REPORTS		
2.	Scrutinising the work of the Local Safeguarding Children's Board- An overview of the work of the Luton Safeguarding Children Board	Lyn Hartnell: Business Manager for LSCB & Jenny Coles: Head of Children & Families	Req 24 Aug '07
3.	Good Practice authorities to visit in relation to numbers of LAC	F Saeed, J.Coles, C. Brooks	
4.	Luton play Strategy	Lesley Nichols	
5.	Budget Scrutiny Prospect	Dave Kempson	
6.	Work Programme- Scrutiny Officer	Fauzia Saeed	
	15th November 2007		
	REVIEWS		
1.	Project Plan - Bullying	F Saeed	
2.	Report on the Directors Meeting on Bullying	F Saeed/David Snape	
	MONITORING REPORTS		

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7.	Luton play Strategy	Lesley Nichols	
3.	LAC accessing University and Higher Education.	Jenny Coles	
4.	Monitoring of Youth and Leisure Activities in Luton: Best Value Review on Youth including a summary on youth provision and take up in the 2007 school summer holiday.	Nick Chamberlain	
5.	Average number of children using the music service from 2004-7	Stephen Bevan	
	Work Programme - Standing Item	Fauzia Saeed	
	13th December Budget Scrutiny	Fauzia Saeed	
	10th January 2008		
	REVIEWS		
	MONITORING REPORTS		
1.	Reasons for lower levels of Academic Performance amongst black & white boys from poorer backgrounds.	G. Hadley	Deferred from the Sept 07 meeting
	4 FEBRUARY 08 - Budget 2008-9		
	19th February 2008		
1.	Key-Stage 1-4 attainment incl. Black & minority ethnic Children	Geoff Hadley	
	REVIEWS		
	MONITORING REPORTS		
2.	Work Programme - Standing Item	Fauzia Saeed - Scrutiny Officer	
	19th March 2008		
	REVIEWS		
	MONITORING REPORTS		
	Work Programme - Standing Item	Fauzia Saeed - Scrutiny Officer	
	24th April 2008		
	REVIEWS		
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TOPICS SUGGESTED THROUGH A CONSULTATION EXERCISE	Consultation Forums
1) Looked After Children (various aspects) a) Confidentiality Protocol b) Identify high performing Local Authorities – see how they do things c) Invite one or more other local authorities to explain how they perform better with their Looked After Children d) Look for good practice and consult those doing well in this area e) Look at local authorities with less looked after children	~Luton Children's Panel ~Youth Service – groups already in place – approximately 10 per area ~ Following survey in 2005 a large number of children said they would be prepared to be involved in future surveys – details held on database ~Youth MP ~Secondary Schools and Colleges ~ Focus Groups
2. Anti-Bullying Strategies – including the impact of Homophobic bullying.	
3. General Health/Obesity amongst children and young people	
4. Parenting Strategy	
5. Improving support for Vulnerable Families and Children especially hard to reach	
6. School Meals	
7. Teenage Pregnancy	