

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND LEARNING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
24 MARCH 2010**

**INDICATIVE WORK PROGRAMME 2010/11
Assistant Chief Executive**

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report seeks agreement to the Children's Services and Learning Overview and Scrutiny Panel's indicative work programme for 2010/11.

2 SUGGESTED ACTION

- 2.1 **That the Children's Services and Learning Overview and Scrutiny Panel endorses its draft indicative work programme for the 2010/11 municipal year set out in Appendix 1.**

3 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 An extract from the indicative Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) Work Programme for 2010/11 relating to the Children's Services and Learning Overview and Scrutiny Panel is attached at Appendix 1. The programme is aimed at maintaining a strategic and coordinated work programme based on major areas of Council and partner organisations' activity. The selection of review topics takes account of what is of direct and significant interest to residents, and what would be timely, relevant, and likely to add value. The programme incorporates the routine, on-going work of O&S and the completion of reviews currently underway. The overall programme is smaller than in recent years owing to the reduction in officer support for O&S, arising from the financial pressures facing the Council.
- 3.2 The indicative work programme will be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Commission on 25 March 2010 and is due to be included in the Annual Report of O&S, for presentation by the Chairman of the Commission to Council on 21 April. The Work Programme will necessarily be subject to continual refinement and updating.

Background Papers

None.

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EXTRACT FROM THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2010/11

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1.	<p>Monitoring the performance of the Children, Young People and Learning Department</p> <p>To include on-going review of the Performance Monitoring Reports, receiving statutory plans and reports (such as the annual reports on the Children and Young People's Plan, and on complaints received) and monitoring the action taken by the Executive to earlier reports by the Panel.</p>
2.	<p>Exercising pre-decision scrutiny by reference to the Executive Forward Plan</p>
3.	<p>2011/12 Budget Scrutiny</p> <p>To review the Council's budget proposals for the Children, Young People and Learning Department in 2010/11, and future plans.</p>
4.	<p>Safeguarding Children</p> <p>To review the Council's plans and performance with regard to safeguarding children, including the role of the Executive Member.</p>
Future Proposed Reviews	
5. New	<p>English as an Additional Language</p> <p>To carry out a follow-up review to the issues which arose in the 2008 Overview and Scrutiny review of English as an Additional Language in Bracknell Forest schools.</p>