

Report of the Chair

Scrutiny Programme Committee – 10 August 2015

PROGRESS REPORT – CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES SCRUTINY PERFORMANCE PANEL

Purpose	The committee is responsible for managing the overall work of scrutiny and its effectiveness. Performance Panel conveners will attend the committee on a regular basis to provide a progress report, updating the committee on headlines from their Panel's work and impact.
Content	This report focuses on the Child & Family Services Scrutiny Performance Panel. Councillor Paxton Hood-Williams, convener of the Panel, will provide the update.
Councillors are being asked to	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure awareness / understanding of the work of the Panel• Consider its effectiveness and impact• Consider any issues arising and action required
Lead Councillor(s)	Councillor Paxton Hood-Williams, Convener of the Child & Family Services Scrutiny Performance Panel
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Child & Family Services Scrutiny Performance Panel is one of four Performance Panels that have been established by the committee. Whilst the work of Inquiry Panels leads to the production of a final report with conclusions and recommendations for cabinet based on evidence gathered on a specific issue, the work of Performance Panels represent regular monitoring of particular services.
- 1.2 Performance Panels are expected to have on-going correspondence with relevant cabinet members in order to share views and recommendations, arising from monitoring activities, about services.
- 1.3 The committee is responsible for managing the overall work of scrutiny and its effectiveness. Performance Panels Conveners will therefore attend the committee throughout the year to provide a progress report to enable a more detailed discussion on the work of each Panel, achievements, effectiveness and impact. The committee may also need to consider any issues arising from Panel activities which may

have an impact on the overall scrutiny work programme. These regular reports ensure awareness amongst the committee as well as visibility across the council and public.

- 1.4 This report focuses on the Child & Family Services Scrutiny Performance Panel. Councillor Paxton Hood-Williams, convener of the Panel, will provide a progress report. To focus the discussion, a short written report is attached as **Appendix 1**. This includes a summary of Panel activities, correspondence between the Panel and Cabinet Members, proposals made and impact.
- 1.5 The Membership of the Panel (10) is as follows:

Labour Councillors: 7

Uta Clay	Hazel Morris
Jan Curtice	Ceinwen Thomas
Yvonne Jardine	Des Thomas
Erika Kirchner	

Liberal Democrat Councillors: 1

John Newbury	
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Independent Councillor: 1

Susan Jones	
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Conservative Councillor: 1

Paxton Hood-Williams (CONVENER)	
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2. Legal Implications

- 2.1 There are no specific legal implications raised by this report.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no specific financial implications raised by this report.

Background Papers: None

Legal Officer: Tracey Meredith
Finance Officer: Carl Billingsley