

REVIEW TOPIC FOR SINGLE MEETING REVIEW

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REASON FOR ITEM

To enable the Committee to discuss possible topics for the undertaking of a single meeting review. This will enable officers to research suggestions further ahead of a full scoping report being developed.

OPTIONS OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE

The Committee is asked to select an area or areas within its remit for consideration of a minor review. It is requested that Members aim to agree as specific a topic(s) for investigation as possible, bearing in mind that the review will include a single witness session, so that officers can produce a targeted and effective plan for the review.

Senior officers will be available at the meeting to advise on possible topics.

INFORMATION

1. At the October 2015 meeting of the Committee, it was agreed that the proposal to undertake a single meeting review on Elective Home Education would not be taken forward. This was due to a review having previously been undertaken on the subject in 2011/12. As an alternative, an update on the previous review will be brought to the Committee. This has been tentatively scheduled for the March 2016 meeting.
2. Also at the October 2015 meeting, the Committee requested that consideration be given to reviewing Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS). However, there is currently a proposal for the Committee to undertake a joint review with the External Services Committee. Officers have advised that they consider CAMHS to be more suitable for a major review over a number of meetings and have also suggested that it would be best to review CAMHS in 6-9 months from now. This would enable the review to assess implementation of the current ongoing changes to CAMHS and any changes in service provision.
3. The result of the above is that the Committee now has the capacity to undertake a single meeting review of a different topic during the current municipal year.
4. As per its Terms of Reference, the Committee is responsible for undertaking the 'policy overview' role in relation to the following areas:
 - Education Services and statutory education authority functions
 - School performance and attainment
 - School Transport
 - Relationships with Local Academies / Free Schools
 - Pre-School & Early Years Services

- Youth Services & Careers Services
- Juvenile justice & probation services
- Adult Learning
- Education and learning partnerships
- Music & The Arts
- Social care services for children, young persons and children with special needs
- Adoption and Fostering
- Family Services

In selecting topics for further investigation, Members are reminded of previous reviews that have been undertaken by this Committee and by the Education & Children's Services Committee which preceded it. Details are set out below:

EDUCATION & CHILDREN'S SERVICES POC
2006/07
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Transition from Primary to Secondary School ▪ Widening the Scope of the Education Service
2007/08
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Extended Schools and Children's Centres ▪ Meeting the Needs of Troubled Teenagers
2008/09
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Development of Inclusion in Hillingdon Schools ▪ 14 to 19 Strategy ▪ Develop a Short Breaks Provision
2009/10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reviewing whether current arrangements and future plans to support inclusive practice in Hillingdon schools are effective ▪ Reviewing current arrangements and future plans for safeguarding children at Heathrow Airport as a port of entry
2010/11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 14/19 Education & Training
2011/12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Elective Home Education Policy ▪ Adoption & Permanency for Looked After Children
2012/13
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Safeguarding of Children that go Missing ▪ Access to Education for Hillingdon's Vulnerable Children and Young People

CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & LEARNING POC
2013/14
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Strengthening the Council's Role as a Corporate Parent▪ Improving Outcomes for Care Leavers Not in Education, Employment or Training
2014/15
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Reducing the Risk of Young People Engaging in Criminal Activity and Anti-Social Behaviour▪ Hillingdon's Implementation of the Special Educational Needs Disability (SEND) Reforms
2015/16
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The Effectiveness of Early Help to Promote Positive Outcomes for Families