

**21 June, 2016**

**Areas of focus for 2016/17**

**Ward(s)** All

**Portfolio:**

Councillor R. Burley - Children's Services and Education

**Report:**

The purpose of this item is to provide relevant background information for Members so that the Committees areas of focus can be agreed for 2016/17.

The Executive Director (Children's Services) shall provide a presentation which will set out some of the challenges for the service in future and provide an overview of the services within the remit of the Committee.

It is important for Members to consider the wide range of potential issues within their remit which they could consider during the year.

When agreeing items, it is important that consideration is given to the level of value the Committee could add taking into account the tools and performance measures available to support them in their work. A table detailing possible areas is provided as appendix 1 to this report.

**Recommendations:**

**That Member's consider the range of issues within the remit of the Committee and agree areas of focus for 2016/17.**

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## Education and Children's Services 2015/16

### Areas of Focus

	21 June	6 Sept	11 Oct	22 Nov	10 Jan	16 Feb	4 April
<b>Improving Education</b>							
Education Healthcheck							
Update on progress of the Education Challenge Board							
Focussed debate on Priority 1 & 2 of the School Improvement Action Plan							
Focussed debate on Priority 3 & 4 of the School Improvement Action Plan							
Focussed debate on Priority 5 & 6 of the School Improvement Action Plan							
Virtual School – Presentation by Virtual Head							
Pupil Premium and its impact on Walsall schools							
Key Stage 1, 2 Results Overview							
Key Stages 3, 4 Results Overview							
16-18 provision Results Overview							

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<b>Safeguarding</b>							
Walsall Self Assessment of Services (Including Performance Data)	x						
Member visits to Walsall Children's Homes	x						
Child Sexual Exploitation							
Monitoring of the role of the Corporate Parenting Board							
Independent Reviewing Officer – Annual Report							
Annual Complaints Report							
Effectiveness and implementation of MOSAIC							
Young Carers							
Children in Care Council							
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service							
Review of Fostering and Adoption Working Group recommendations							
2014/15 WSCB Annual Report							
Re-organisation of Children's Centres - update							
Special Educational Needs Review							
Locality Models – Domestic Abuse, CSE, Teen pregnancy							

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<b>Young People Engagement</b>							
UK Youth Parliament							
Question Time Event with Care Leavers							
New belongings							
<b>Information (Overview)</b>							
Financial Monitoring							
<b>Working Groups</b>							
Child Poverty Working Group							
<b>Petitions</b>							