

20 June 2017

Areas of focus for 2017/18

Ward(s) All

Portfolio:

Councillor A. Nawaz - 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 2017/18.

The Executive Director (Children's Services) 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 Members consider the range of issues within the remit of the Committee and agree areas of focus for 2017/18.

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Education and Children's Services 2017/18

Areas of Focus

	20 Jun	5 Sep	10 Oct	21 Nov	9 Jan	15 Feb	27 Mar
Priority Areas							
Children's Social Care and Safeguarding							
Early Help 0-19 locality delivery model – including youth service delivery							
Provision and outcomes for Children and SEND							
Improving Education							
Quarterly Reports from Education Challenge Board & SENDI Challenge Board							
Five year school places strategy							
What is the impact of the Pupil Premium?							
Getting children school ready including the role of parents							
Outcome of the 16–18 review							
Teacher Supply and Recruitment							
Special Educational Needs Review including EHCP progress							
Educational Attainment							
Performance Scorecard							
Pupil Premium and Looked After Children							

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Safeguarding							
Walsall Self Assessment of Services ahead of Ofsted Inspection (to include Young Carers & Performance Data)							
Member visits to Walsall Children's Homes							
Protecting Vulnerable Groups – Child Sexual Exploitation and Radicalisation							
Regional Adoption Agency – Options and Recommendations							
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services							
New Belongings							
Update from Corporate Parenting Board							
Independent Reviewing Officer – Annual Report							
WSCB Annual Report							
Update on Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children							
Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) Impact and Apprenticeships with particular reference to Looked After Children							
Fostering Recruitment							
Missing Children							
Looked after children and care leavers							
Young Homelessness Team							

