

AMBITIOUS PLYMOUTH

Work Programme 2013 - 2014



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Date of meeting	Agenda item	Purpose of the agenda item	Reason for consideration	Responsible Officer
01.07.2013	Youth Services Restructure Review	To review the Youth Service following the service restructure and identify any areas that may require a co-operative review.	Post-decision scrutiny and service review.	John Miller - Head of Youth Services and Stuart Palmer - Assistant Director for Homes and Communities
12.08.2013	Missing Persons' Team	To receive a presentation from this new service to understand the remit and work of the team and to establish whether any further scrutiny work is required, with a particular focus on the partnership arrangements between the Youth Service, Police and Social Care Services.	New Service Review and Partnership arrangements	John Miller - Head of Youth Services and Stuart Palmer - Assistant Director for Homes and Communities
	Dyslexia	To review service provision and support for children and young people with dyslexia.	Performance and provision	Linda Dawes - Leadership Adviser (SEN & VG)
	Children's Social Care Review	To undertake a thorough review of the Children's Social Care Service to establish the adequacy of service arrangements.	Performance and Provision – Service review	Alison Botham - Assistant Director for Children's Social Care.
	Narrowing the Gap in schools	To establish the challenges facing schools in tackling child poverty – the potential cooperative review would seek to encompass issues such as free school meals, the effects of welfare reforms on school children, child poverty and the ever increasing financial burden placed on parents from school proms.	Cooperative Review preparation	John Searson - Principal Leadership Adviser (Schools & Settings)/Heather Ogburn -Senior Leadership Adviser (RA & NTG)
23.09.2013	City of Culture Bid	To review the reasons why Plymouth was not selected as one of the final four cities in the City of Culture bid and learn where the city can improve for future bid submissions.	Future Learning and improving Plymouth's cultural offer	
	Library and Museum provision	To review the provision of and use of the city's libraries and museums, particularly with a focus on future City of Culture bids.	Performance and Provision	

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	School Transport Provision Review	To review changes proposed by Citybus on school transport provision across the city.	Provision	Julie Roantree - Principal Transport & Allowances Officer
11.11.2013	Skills and Apprenticeships Review	To review the city's opportunities with regard to skills and apprenticeships, with a particular focus on children with special educational needs; this review could develop into a co-operative review.	Performance and provision – potential cooperative review.	Judith Harwood Assistant Director – Education, Learning and Family Support
	Early Years Development Review	To review the issues involved in nursery places and the allocation of school places.	Performance and Provision	Jo Hall Senior Adviser – Early Years & Childcare
	Adult Education Service Review	To review the Plymouth Adult and Community Learning Service (PACLS).	Performance and Provision	Carol Henwood Principal Leadership Adviser (Neighbourhoods & IL)
	School Transport Provision Review	To review changes implemented by Citybus on school transport provision across the city.	Provision	Julie Roantree - Principal Transport & Allowances Officer
03.02.2014	School Transport Provision Review	To review the school transport offer provided by Plymouth City Council with a focus on ensuring that there is a promotion of safer journeys to school.	Performance and Provision	Julie Roantree - Principal Transport & Allowances Officer
	Children and Young People's Plan	To review the current Plan prior to the Plan being updated in 2014; this review would see a holistic approach taken to reviewing the plan but the panel's main focus would be on early intervention and prevention and adoption and fostering.	Cooperative Review Preparation (Pre decision scrutiny)	Judith Harwood Assistant Director – Education, Learning and Family Support
03.03.2014	Youth Services Restructure Review	to review the Youth Services in early 2014 following the implementation of services and new work initiatives after the completion of the Youth Service Restructure and results of the Youth Service's Review Survey.	Post-decision scrutiny and service review.	John Miller - Head of Youth Services and Stuart Palmer - Assistant Director for Homes and Communities