

AMBITIOUS PLYMOUTH

Work Programme 2013 - 2014



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| 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 |
| | Missing, Intervention and Support Team | To review the service and delivery of the 'Be-Wise to Child Sexual Exploitation' training programme six months after the Missing Young Person's Team presentation on 12.08.2013. | Service Review | John Miller - Head of Youth Services and Stuart Palmer - Assistant Director for Homes and Communities |
| 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 |