



To: **Members of the Protecting the Most Vulnerable Policy Committee**

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Councillors:

Cllr M Hannon - Chair

Cllr M Creaghan - Deputy Chair

**Cllrs K Buckley, H Cooksey, R Knowles, S Krizanac,
K Morris, M Smith and G Welborn**

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Protecting The Most Vulnerable Policy Committee

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A G E N D A

Part 1

Items during the consideration of which the meeting is expected to be open to members of the public (including the press) subject to any statutory right of exclusion.

Item	Page Number
1. <u>Apologies for Absence</u>	
To record any apologies received.	
2. <u>Code of Conduct - Declarations of Interest Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012</u>	

Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest which they have in any item of business on the agenda no later than when the item is reached.

3. Minutes

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2017 as correct record. 3 – 12

4. European Skills Fund Projects

To consider a presentation by Tim Smith, Funding and Skills Manager, Warrington & Co, on behalf of Dr Muna Abdel Aziz, Director of Public Health, in relation to European Skills Fund (ESF) Projects.

5. Warrington Wellbeing - Update

To consider a presentation by Diane White, Warrington Wellbeing, on behalf of Dr Muna Abdel Aziz, Director of Public Health, in connection with the recently opened prevention hub, Warrington Wellbeing.

6. Reducing Emissions from Idling Vehicles near Schools

To consider a presentation by Dave Watson, Public Protection Unit Manager, on behalf of Dr Muna Abdel Aziz, Director of Public Health, providing an introduction to issues surrounding air quality near schools, which was the subject of a referral to this Committee by full Council.

7. Work Programme 2017/18

To consider a report on behalf of Councillor Mike Hannon, Chair of the Committee, on the Work Programme 2017/18 and the Monitoring of Actions and Recommendations. 13 - 21

8. Schedule of Meetings for 2017/18

To note the schedule of meetings for the remainder of 2017/18, as follows:-

- 17 January 2018 (Special Meeting)
- 20 February 2018
- 3 April 2018

Part 2

Items of a "confidential or other special nature" during which it is likely that the meeting will not be open to the public and press as there would be a disclosure of exempt information as defined in Section 100I of the Local Government Act 1972.

NIL

**PROTECTING THE MOST VULNERABLE
POLICY COMMITTEE
19 September 2017**

Present: Councillor M Hannon (Chairman)
Councillors: K Buckley, H Cooksey, M Creaghan, S Krizanac, K Morris, M Smith and G Welborn

Also In Attendance: Councillor M McLaughlin, Executive Member for Public Health and Wellbeing

PTMV8 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence received were received on behalf of Councillor R Knowles.

PTMV9 Code of Conduct – Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest submitted.

PTMV10 Minutes

Decision,

That the Minutes of the meetings held on 4 April and 20 June 2017 be confirmed and signed as correct records.

PTMV11 Annual Reports for Fostering Service and Adoption Service

An apology was provided due to the full Annual Reports for the Fostering Service and Adoption Service only having been circulated recently. Presentations on the main features of each report would be provided during the meeting. If, after receiving the presentations and examining the reports in more detail, Members required additional time to ask further questions, these could be raised with officers directly or, if requested, officers could report back on any significant issues at the next meeting of the Committee.

With the agreement of the Committee the reports were taken together as a single item. Ms Waddington, Operational Director Children's Targeted Services, Deputy Director of Children's Services, was in attendance to provide presentations on both the Fostering Service and Adoption Service.

Adoption Service Annual Report 2016-17

The WWiSH Adoption Service Annual Report 2016-17 (Warrington, Wigan and St Helen's Councils) included information on the following:-

- Introduction;
- Vision for the Service, aims and structure of the services;
- Review of key objectives for the past 12 months;

- Regional Adoption Agencies;
- Recruitment and assessment of adopters;
- Assessment timescales;
- Training;
- Inter-country adoption arrangements;
- Adoption Panel;
- Adoption performance (details for each of the three authorities);
- Adoption support and independent support to birth families;
- Diversity, safeguarding in WWiSH and Whistleblowing Policy; and
- Key objectives for 2017/18.

The presentation focused on key messages included within the report, as follows:-

The shared Adoption Service had been established in 2011 and had been the first of its kind in England. Its role was to manage the recruitment and assessment of adopters; to carry out family finding and matching; and to deliver adoption support both pre and post adoption. Its Vision, in summary, was to improve outcomes for children and their adopters.

In respect of recruitment and assessment, some 295 enquiries had been made resulting in 68 formal expressions of interest, of which 31 went on to apply to adopt. 36 sets of adopters were approved in 2016/17. Stage 1 assessment performance was much improved from the previous year with some 68% approved within the 2 months timescale. Stage 2 assessment performance also showed some improvement with 72% completed within the 4 months timescale. However, some 41% of adopters lived in the Wigan area, somewhat limiting choice.

The role of matching a child with adopters followed a decision by the Agency decision maker that a child Should Be Placed for Adoption (SHOBPA) and the making of a Court Placement Order. The local authority then carried out family finding to match the needs of the child with a specific family. Adopters could express an interest on Adoption Link. A total of 72 children had been matched with adopters and 43% of WWiSH children had been placed with WWiSH adopters. Average waiting time for approval was 7.9 months, but that figure had been skewed by two families who had waited for a significantly lengthy period.

Adoption support was arranged on a three tier basis comprising Tier 1 (universal support); Tier 2 (Tier 1, with additional support); and Tier 3 (Tiers 1 and 2, plus specific adoption support). Support provided in 2016/17 had included preparation training, which had been provided on seven occasions during the year. The training had been followed up by a speakers evening, which was an opportunity for prospective adopters to meet with adopters who had previously adopted or were currently adopting children. Other training included the effects of substance/alcohol misuse during pregnancy and foster for adoption training. Some 470 letter box contact arrangements had been made where the adopter wrote to birth parents or siblings. In addition, direct work had taken pace with the children and increased therapeutic adoptive parenting work.

National performance figures were challenging, with 3 year targets reducing year on year. The authority had to consider adoption as one of the permanence options. It also tried to seek matches for hard to place children and to keep siblings together. Comparative performance information was as follows:-

National Performance Scorecard						
Scorecard		Target	Warrington	Wigan	St Helens	England
A1	The no. of days between a child entering care and moving in with an adoptive family	426	569	581	619	558
A2	The no. of days from Placement Order being made to a child being matched with an adoptive family	121	238	278	312	226
A3	Percentage of children that wait less than 14 months before they move in with their adoptive family	60%	55%	46%	39%	-

For 2017/18, WWiSH had been disestablished with effect from 31 August 2017 to make way for the creation of the Regional Adoption Agency on 1 September 2017. The Regional Adoption Agency would comprise Warrington, Wigan and St Helen’s, Halton, Cheshire West and Chester Councils. The Agency was based at Bewsey Park Community Centre, was hosted by Wigan MBC and received governance support from Cheshire West and Chester Council, with all Councils having a voice. It was envisaged that the larger footprint of the new Agency would allow for increased opportunities for matching with adopters.

Councillor Smith enquired about the figures for matching on p17 of the report which indicated that around half of Wigan children and around two thirds of St Helens children were matched with WWiSH adopters, but that the figures for Warrington children were only about one fifth. Ms Waddington responded that social workers in Warrington had initially sought to place children further afield. However, when the situation had come to light action was taken to discontinue the practice. Councillor Smith also enquired about the presentation slide on the A1 National Performance Scorecard, which indicated that 18 children had been adopted in 2016/17, but that only 9 of those were included in the A1 cohort. Ms Waddington indicated that the cohort only included those children falling within certain date parameters.

Fostering Service Annual Report 2016-17

The Fostering Service Annual Report – 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017, included information on the following:-

- Introduction;
- Recruitment;
- Assessment;
- Training;
- Current fostering provision;
- Independent Fostering Agency placements;
- De-registrations;
- Resources;
- Panel and its activity and outcomes for children;
- Placement Support Services;
- Regulation;
- Complaints; and
- Conclusion and priorities for 2017/18.

The presentation focused on key messages included within the report, as follows:-

In making placements, social workers looked at the child’s network of family and friends first, but were still required to meet national criteria. The following shows the range of placements available in 2016/17.

Range of Fostering Placements		
Type of Placement	Nos. of Sets of Carers	Nos. of Placements
Emergency/Short Term	61	99
Long Term	33	46
Respite	6	7
Family and Friends	40	57
Total	140	209

Some cares offered a combination of types of placements.

Challenges during the reporting year included a slow-down in the ability to recruit caused by a delay in the relaunch of the ‘You Can Foster’ campaign; rising numbers of children entering care, particularly with siblings; double the number of friends and family carer assessments; and care leavers staying put at 18 while in training or education

Activity during the year included significant planning and preparation for the 2016/17 Foster Care Fortnight, with applications up 53% compared to last year. Seven additional sets of foster carers had been approved, providing 10 placements for children and one respite placement. 100% of fostering assessments had been completed within the 6 month timescale, including 136 viability assessments and 33 full fostering assessments completed. A comprehensive training programme had been delivered, including the 12 week Solihull ‘Understanding your Foster Child’s Behaviour’ programme and there had been high take up of the ‘Training, Support and Development Workbooks’ training. A total of 6 Matching Celebration Events had been held, which were a tremendously joyful occasion for all participants.

Some 13 Fostering Panel meetings had taken place, plus one Emergency Panel. One disruption meeting had taken place. Overall 14 de-registrations had occurred losing a total of 17 placements. There had been 16 resignations of family and friends, but 10 children had remained in their care. Placements made in 2016/17 were as follows:-

- 104 placement with recruited in-house foster carers;
- 39 placements with family and friends foster carers 9, of which 29 were made under Regulation 24 (connected persons, such as teachers, or youth workers); and
- 60 Independent Fostering Agency placements (down slightly on 73 in the previous year).

For 2017/18, priorities included recruitment; retention; maintaining staffing capacity; collaboration with neighbouring authorities; reviewing the pay structure to incentivise the fostering of older children; and reducing the need for external placements.

Members raised the following questions

- What were the reasons for the rising numbers of children in care? - *Response:* The total number of children in care was currently 399, which was too high. The numbers of those entering care had dropped from say three years ago, but fewer children had been leaving care, leading to a net increase in the numbers in care. Some children stayed in care beyond 18 years old. The reasons for people entering care initially were manifold, including neglect, physical or emotional abuse, domestic violence in the home, substance abuse and mental health issues. In addition, some family groups were large with, say, six children.
- The missed target referred to at Paragraph 2.3 concerning initial assessment visits was due to marketing and communication issues. How had that been addressed? - *Response:* There had been lots of recruitment activity since that time, leading to a considerable increase in applicants, but they would only now be approved in 2017/18. The rate of approval of foster carers in Warrington was now the best in the region.

Decision,

To note the presentations and Annual Reports of the Fostering Service and Adoption Service for 2016/17.

PTMV12 Housing Strategy 2017 - 2027

The Committee considered a presentation and summary report on behalf of Steve Reddy, Executive Director, Families and Wellbeing, on the Housing Strategy 2017 – 2027 and the detailed draft Strategy document. Dr Muna Abdel Aziz, Director of Public Health, and David Cowley, Head of Service, Housing Standards and Options, were in attendance to highlight key issues within the report and Strategy document.

The report set out the housing vision:-

“To provide homes that meet your needs where you want to live and that enable a decent quality of life”,

and details of the four key Housing priorities, which were as follows:-

- To provide new sustainable homes in places where people wanted to live;
- To help people live at home, improve their independence, health and quality of life;
- To make better use and improve the standards of existing housing stock so it was decent and safe; and
- To provide housing advice, information and a preventative service.

Mr Cowley delivered the presentation, which included further information on the following:-

- Achievements under the previous Strategy (reducing fuel poverty, local authority mortgage scheme, new build, reducing long term empty properties and loans to housing associations)
- Challenges (multiple and interconnected issues);
- Key Housing Priorities (as per the report); and
- The Reasons for Priorities and Actions.

The draft Strategy would be subject to public consultation following consideration by the Committee. It included detailed information on the following:-

- Vision;
- Summary;
- National and regional context;
- Corporate context;
- Warrington: the local context;
- Older people, learning disability and mental health;
- Resources;
- Priorities for action;
- Delivering and monitoring;
- Action Plan; and
- Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 implications.

Dr Abdel Aziz indicated that the new Housing Strategy was the way for the Council to meet the needs of all relevant groups, comprising universal needs and the needs of the most vulnerable.

Members asked questions and made a number of comments as follows, to which the officers responded:-

- The Bank of England had had recently indicated that interest rates were likely to rise which could cause problems for Warrington residents. Up to 200 households who had perhaps overextended on their mortgages could be affected and potentially might become homeless. How could the Council support that group? - *Response:* The Governor of the Bank of England, Mark

Carney, had indicated that interest rate rises would be gradual. Interest rates were currently very low, in comparison to rates that had existed in the 1970s and 80s. However, the anticipated changes would still create issues and could 'tip people over the edge'. The Council had previously operated a mortgage rescue scheme which had been very successful. The Council would monitor the emerging situation and would respond accordingly.

- The current plans for affordable housing focused on spread out property developments rather than building upwards. However, there was evidence to show that heating was more efficient in properties that were side by side and/or above/below each other. For example, 5 storey buildings were fuel efficient, but also retained a community feel. Would the Council look at that type of accommodation? - *Response:* Housing capacity was an issue and use of higher density housing was an option being considered. There were some challenges to that approach also. Overall a mix of different types of housing would be required. There were some proposals for higher level properties, but lessons might need to be learned from the Grenfell Tower fire in Kensington and Chelsea, in considering future standards. Penketh Court did have a sprinkler system installed. The Executive Board would shortly be asked to consider the Council's role as a builder of social housing, a role which housing associations were currently unable to fulfil due to economic pressures. The Council might have to establish a local housing company for that purpose. Evidence from the 32 two bed bungalows already built and from the 54 apartments for older people at Penketh Court was that the Council could build again. The Chairman indicated that the Committee should reserve its view on high-rise properties until the outcome of the Grenfell Tower enquiry was published.
- The Chairman commented that the Alder Green project on Alder Lane, Orford, undertaken by Golden Gates Housing Trust, had demonstrated what could be achieved by the refurbishment of existing multi storey accommodation. *Response:* Councillor McLaughlin, who was given permission by the Committee to speak on this item, indicated that the Council was making loans to housing associations both within and outside Warrington, as less pressure across the region generally reduced the pressure on housing in Warrington. The loan schemes also generated an income for the Council.
- Given that not all of the money available for loans was ultimately drawn down, would that be an effective method of ensuring that building took place at a fast enough rate? - *Response:* Officers confirmed that the approach should be effective. Since the launch of the lending scheme in 2009, housing associations have been able to deliver a large number of new affordable homes in Warrington. The process did however, take time. Last year the Government launched grant funding for home ownership, which had led to housing associations ceasing building. However, the position had changed again recently. That changing situation demonstrated how sensitive housing development was to national policy changes.
- In respect of the action 'Reduce Under-Occupation' listed under Housing Priority 3, the Action Plan suggested some 800 households would be subject to downsizing by 2027. Older people might be afraid that they would be forced to move. What protections were in place? - *Response:* The Council could not force people to move, but would seek to create the right conditions for individuals to want to move. For example, the bungalows built had

enabled people to move in the same street, thereby retaining their friends and wider contacts, while reducing the risk of falls and the pressure of maintaining a larger property. In the case of Penketh Court, tenants liked the sociable aspects of the living there, which had prevented loneliness. Downsizing might not be right for everyone, but the choice would be theirs.

Decision,

To note the presentation and report and the draft Housing Strategy 2017 -2017.

PTMV13 Work Programme 2017/18

The Committee considered a report providing an update on the delivery of its Work Programme for 2017/18 and monitoring the actions and recommendations arising from the Committee and any Working Groups.

Members were reminded that the Committee, at its meeting on 20 June 2017, had approved a number of themes for its draft Work Programme 2017/18, including some topics being rolled forward from the Work Programme 2016/17. Subsequently, further work had been undertaken to refine the detailed content of the draft Work Programme and a final programme was now considered by the Committee.

The Work Programme was a living document and would be updated periodically in response to changing priorities and other factors. It was reported that, since the last meeting the following changes had been proposed:-

- Deletion of the item on Green Paper for Social Care (Draft legislation on that topic had not been included in the Queen's Speech on 21 June 2017);
- Inclusion of an item on Modern Slavery.

Councillor Krizanac requested the inclusion of a further item in connection with the lack of available parking around schools, which put children's safety at risk. Officers agreed to consider the matter further in consultation with the Chairman, since there might be implications for Planning and Highways Services, which fell within the remit of other Policy Committees.

The report also contained an update on the monitoring of actions, recommendations and referrals for the Committee.

The Committee had not established any Working Groups for 2017/18. However, following the Committee's recommendation at its meeting on 15 September 2016, the Executive Board had established a Task Group to consider the Social Care Market for Older People, which was to continue into 2017/18. The Task Group comprised Councillors M Smith (Chair), P Wright, H Cooksey, M Creaghan, R Knowles, S Krizanac and K Buckley. The first meeting of the Task Group had taken place on Wednesday 14 December 2016 to scope the review and a second meeting had been held on 22 February 2017, which had provided more data to support the review. It was intended to arrange the next meeting in the near future.

Decision,

- (1) To approve the final Work Programme 2017/18, as presented;
- (2) To note the Schedule of Progress on Actions and Recommendations, Referrals from Other Bodies and Final Recommendations from Working Groups; and
- (3) To note the progress report on the work of the Executive Board Task Group on the Social Care Market for Older People.

PTMV14 Schedule of Meetings for 2017/18

Decision,

To note the schedule of meetings for the remainder of 2017/18, as follows:-

- 12 December 2017;
- 20 February 2018; and
- 3 April 2018.

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WARRINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

PROTECTING THE MOST VULNERABLE POLICY COMMITTEE – 12 December 2017

Report of: Councillor Mike Hannon, Chair of the Protecting the Most Vulnerable Policy Committee

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TITLE OF REPORT: WORK PROGRAMME 2017/18 AND MONITORING OF ACTIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROTECTING THE MOST VULNERABLE POLICY COMMITTEE

1. PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of the report is for the Committee to review the Work Programme for 2017/18 and to monitor the actions and recommendations arising from the Committee and any Working Groups.

2. CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT

2.1 Not applicable

3. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

3.1 The Committee, at its meeting on 20 June 2017, approved a number of themes for its draft Work Programme 2017/18, including some topics being rolled forward from the Work Programme 2016/17. Subsequently, further work has been undertaken to refine the detailed content of the draft Work Programme and the final programme was approved on 19 September 2017.

3.2 The Work Programme is a living document and may be updated periodically in response to changing priorities and other factors. The current version is attached at **Appendix 1**.

3.3 The report also contains an update on the monitoring of actions, recommendations and referrals for this Committee, at **Appendix 2**.

4. WORKING GROUPS

4.1 The Committee has not established any Working Groups for 2017/18. The scope of any Working Groups, including their terms of reference, support requirements, resources and timescales will need to be approved by the Committee prior to their formal establishment.

- 4.2 Upon the Committee's recommendation from its meeting held on 15 September 2016, the Executive Board has established a Task and Finish Group to consider the Social Care Market for Older People. The Task Group comprises Councillors M Smith (Chair), P Wright, H Cooksey, M Creaghan, R Knowles, S Krizanac and K Buckley.
- 4.3 The first meeting of the Task Group took place on Wednesday 14 December 2016. The Task Group noted its terms of reference and received an introduction to the main issues and themes of the subject. The Group then scoped its future work, which will include a more in-depth look at the following areas:-
- Data and overview;
 - Domiciliary care (including expert witness);
 - Residential care (including expert witness); and
 - Identification of solutions.
- 4.4 A second meeting was held on 22 February 2017, which provided more data to support the review.
- 4.5 The Task Group has continued into 2017/18 and it is envisaged that a further meeting will be arranged shortly.

5. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 5.1 When carrying out activity Members are reminded of the general financial climate and the Council's commitment for delivering its Vision within the Council's Corporate Strategy 2017- 18 of "*continuing to be a modern, forward-thinking and financially sustainable council*"

6. RISK ASSESSMENT

- 6.1 The following potential risks have been identified: recommendations not accepted by Executive Board, or not acted upon; partners unwilling to engage; insufficient capacity within Directorates to support activity following service redesign; selection of inappropriate topics, which have minimal impact or are undeliverable; capacity within the work programme to deal with matters arising.
- 6.2 Risks are regularly monitored and managed by the Policy Committee Chairs, with the advice and support of relevant officers. Links with Partnerships and Performance are well established to ensure that the work programme takes account of national and local policy developments and to enable key risks to be identified. Delivery of the Work Programme is routinely monitored.

7. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY/EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 Democratic and Member Services has an up to date Equality Impact Assessment for its policies and services, including supporting the Council's meetings and decision making arrangements.
- 7.2 Equalities issues relating to policies, services and other topics under scrutiny are the responsibility of the individual Directorates concerned. However, the Committee will monitor the compliance by Directorates on equality and diversity issues when carrying out its functions.

8. CONSULTATION

- 8.1 Consultation with Protecting The Most Vulnerable Policy Committee members and officers from relevant Directorates about the Work Programme content is undertaken on a regular basis.

9. RECOMMENDATION

- 9.1 To approve the updated Work Programme 2017/18 (**Appendix 1**); and
- 9.2 To note and comment on the Monitoring of Actions, Recommendations and Referrals (**Appendix 2**).

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Protecting the Most Vulnerable Policy Committee Final Work Programme – June 2017 to March 2018

Work Programme Topic	Purpose of the item	Link to National Policy & Local Context	Lead Officer	Date of Meeting
Theme – Health & Wellbeing				
Housing Strategy	A key Council strategy being developed (The topic will also be relevant to the Building Stronger Communities Policy Committee and could be delivered at a shared session for both committees)	Increasing the supply of housing, creating affordable housing and responding to demographic changes, including an ageing population.	M Abdel Aziz	19 Sept 2017 ✓
Warrington Wellbeing - Update	An update on the operation of the recently opened prevention hub	Promoting healthy lifestyles and reducing demand	M Abdel Aziz	12 Dec 2017
Reducing Emissions from Idling Vehicles near Schools	A referral from full Council (This work may be carried out via a Task and Finish Group)	Guidance has recently been published by the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) and Public Health England (PHE), on potential actions to limit air pollution for the benefit of public health.	M Abdel Aziz	12 Dec 2017
Theme – Adult & Children's Services				
Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards	An update report following the Committee's look at the subject on 15/12/15	The current legislative framework is widely believed to be unmanageable. The Council's approach is based on effective risk management	M Macklin / P Davidson	20 June 2017 ✓
Carers Strategy 2017 - 20	A look at the revised strategy due for publication in late June 2017	A new national Carers strategy will be launching in 2017, however, the local strategy was in need of a refresh	Julie Smith	20 June 2017 ✓
Better Care Fund and how that is contributing to better integrated working	This item will take into account NHS bed capacity and the need to reduce it through reducing delayed transfers of care and reducing length of stay in hospital	Integration of health and social care, including reduction of so called 'bed blocking'	S Peddie	TBA
Adult Social Care Transformation Programme *	To inform the policy committee of the demand management led programme of work ongoing that will support the	Social care needs to be undertaken in the context of individuals and communities as assets.	S Peddie	TBA

Agenda Item 7 – Appendix 1

	modernisation of the adult social care service and help to deal effectively with continuing demand pressures	The continued pressures on adults budgets through demographics and complexity makes demand management strategies a priority		
Out of borough placements - Adults	A look at the cost of out of borough placements and the need to manage the demand <i>(Possibly link with Transformation Programme Item above)</i>	Managing the demand for high cost out of borough placements and retaining resources within the local economy	S Peddie	TBA
Transforming Care Programme	A look at Warrington's progress on a service model for people with a learning disability and/or autism who display behaviour that challenges, including those with a mental health condition	Transforming Care Programme	S Peddie	TBA
Annual Report for Adoption Service	This is a key report on a service which delivers outcomes for vulnerable young people, including the report on performance against the Adoption Scorecard	Vulnerable young people	F Waddington	19 Sept 2017 ✓
Annual report for Fostering Service	This is a key report on a service which delivers outcomes for vulnerable young people	Vulnerable young people	F Waddington	19 Sept 2017 ✓
Regional Adoption Agency	An update on the operation of the newly established Regional Adoption Agency	As part of the government's regionalising adoption program Wigan, Cheshire West & Chester, Warrington, St Helens and Halton have formed a Regional Adoption Agency - "Adopt Together"	F Waddington	20 February 2018
Early Help and Edge of Care – Update	An update report following the Committee's look at the subject on 05/04/16 and 04/04/17	The programme is seeking to manage demand and costs by providing early interventions	F Waddington	20 February 2018
Early Years Support for Children on the autism spectrum	A look at whether more can be done to identify and support children on the autism spectrum at an early age to improve long term behavioural and societal outcomes for them	Anecdotal evidence suggests that children who present with behavioural difficulties at an early age are more likely to end up in the criminal justice system than other children	S Reddy	TBA

Agenda Item 7 – Appendix 1

Theme – Social Inequality				
European Skills Fund projects	A look at European Skills Fund projects and achievements to date	Skills Support for targeted groups	M Abdel Aziz	12 Dec 2017
Update on Issues Arising from the Homelessness and Chaotic Lifestyles Report	An update report following the Committee's look at the subject on 06/12/16 and 04/04/17	The Committee agreed to continue to monitor whether there were any gaps in daytime provision for homeless people	M Abdel Aziz	TBA
Improving educational outcomes for vulnerable children	To consider how the authority is helping to closing the gap	Educational attainment is central to improving social mobility	S Reddy	TBA
Modern Slavery	To consider the Council's and its partners' preparedness to identify and deal with the occurrence of modern slavery	Modern slavery encompasses slavery servitude, forced and compulsory labour and human trafficking	S Reddy	TBA

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Committee Recommendations & Actions

2017/18

Minute No & Date	Recommendation/Action	Referred to & Date	Response/Comments	Progress
N/A	There are no outstanding recommendations made by the Committee	N/A	-	N/A

Referrals to the Committee

2017/18

Referred from & Date	Minute Details	Response/Comments	Progress
Council 20/03/17	Reducing Emissions from Idling Vehicles near Schools	To be discussed by the Committee on 12 December 2017	N/A

Working Group Final Report Recommendations

2017/18

The Committee has established the following Working Groups:-

- Nil

Following a recommendation of this Committee an Executive Board Task and Finish Group has been established to look at the following:-

- Social Care Market for Older People.

Recommendation	Referred to & Date	Response/Comments	Progress	Review Date
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A