

**Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development**

**Report to Scrutiny Board (Children and Families)**

**Date: 8<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

**Subject: Work Programme**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**Summary of main issues**

1. A copy of the board's work programme is attached for members' consideration (appendix 1). The attached chart reflects the discussions at the board's July meeting.
2. The minutes of the July meeting of Executive Board (appendix 2) and the current Forward Plan of Key Decisions (appendix 3) will give members an overview of current activity within the board's portfolio area.
3. A draft note of the meeting of the children's social care system review working group which took place on 10 August is also attached (appendix 4).
4. At the July Board meeting, members asked about the future direction of the youth service. They asked the Chair and Principal Scrutiny Adviser to report back to this meeting with a proposal as to the best way for the Board to deal with this issue.
5. It is suggested that a working group is established. The working group would receive an initial briefing during September or October, before reporting back to the full Board with recommendations as to whether any further work is required. All members of the Board would be invited to attend the initial working group meeting.

## **Recommendations**

6. The board is requested to agree the attached work programme subject to any decisions made at today's meeting.

## **Background documents**

7. None.