

## Chair's Report: Proposal to amend the Children's Service Scrutiny work plan

In the scrutiny meeting on 24 November, committee members raised concerns over the amount of time we have within the work plan to effectively question, scrutinise and therefore fulfil our duties as a scrutiny committee. Following this feedback from committee members, I am suggesting we postpone the SEN scrutiny to allow greater focus on the early help scrutiny. I also propose that having had a number of additional reports presented to the committee over the last two meetings, we now focus our time on scrutinising the early help offer, in support of the ISCB Independent Chair's Annual Report.

Current work plan	Proposed work plan
<p><b>19 JANUARY 2015</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scrutiny Review- Impact of SEN changes on Children and Families – Witness evidence</li> <li>• Schools Forum – Report of Vice Chair (For Information)</li> </ul>	<p><b>19 JANUARY 2015</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work Plan Review</li> <li>• Refine question for the Early Help Scrutiny</li> </ul>
	<p><b>2 or 9 FEBRUARY 2015 (or APRIL 2015)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scrutiny Review – Impact of Early Help on preventing escalation to statutory services – witness evidence</li> </ul>
<p><b>09 MARCH 2015</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scrutiny Review - Impact of Early Help on preventing escalation to statutory services – witness evidence</li> <li>• Annual Report on Learning and School Standards</li> <li>• Educational Services Report – evaluation of the work of the Local Authority in promoting high standards and ensuring that children have a place in a good school</li> </ul>	<p><b>09 MARCH 2015</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scrutiny Review - Impact of Early Help on preventing escalation to statutory services – witness evidence</li> </ul>
	<p><b>APRIL 2015 (or February)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scrutiny Review – Impact of Early Help on preventing escalation to statutory services – witness evidence</li> </ul>
<p><b>12 MAY 2015</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scrutiny Review – Impact of SEN changes on Children and Families – Draft recommendations</li> <li>• Scrutiny Review – Impact of Early Help on preventing escalation to statutory services – Draft recommendations</li> <li>• Report: Early Years, Children's Centres, Sure Start, Early Years contribution to the first 21 months work and school readiness and 2 year old places and uptake</li> <li>• Executive Member Children and Families – Presentation</li> </ul>	<p><b>12 MAY 2015</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scrutiny Review – Impact of Early Help on preventing escalation to statutory services – Draft recommendations (or possibly further witnesses)</li> </ul>
<p><b>JUNE/JULY – DATE TO BE DETERMINED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scrutiny Review – Impact of Early Help on preventing escalation to statutory services – Final report</li> <li>• Scrutiny Review – Impact of SEN changes on Children and Families – Final Report</li> </ul>	<p><b>JUNE/JULY – DATE TO BE DETERMINED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scrutiny Review – Impact of Early Help on preventing escalation to statutory services – Final Report</li> </ul>