

## CHILDREN SERVICES TASK AND FINISH PANEL: TERMS OF REFERENCE

### **Origin:**

This item came from a Cabinet meeting held on 8 March 2010. in their discussion on the Essex Children's Trust they requested that:  
 "the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be requested to establish a Task and Finish Panel to investigate the Council's approach to Children's Services and its provision throughout the District."

### **Term of Reference:**

1. To recommend arrangements for the monitoring of the Performance of the Council's Leisure Management Contract to ensure that the Council's Key Objectives are being met.  
  
 (NB: On the assumption that the Council proceeds to enter into a Contract with the Preferred Partner)
2. To review current provision for young people in the District, seeking to identify future needs and how these can best be met by the various Agencies involved in the delivery of Young People's Services
3. To review the District Council's success in accessing External Funding for the provision of Leisure and Cultural Opportunities in order to maximise future benefit and highlight any good practice.
4. To review the provision of Youth Services within the District.

### **Aims and Objectives:**

To gather evidence and information in relation to the topics through the receipt of data, presentations and by participation in fact finding visits;

To consult with Partners, Agencies, Stakeholders and Users of the services under review, to establish key issues and future need;

To evaluate all relevant facts in relation to the topics under review in an objective way and to produce recommendations for future action accordingly;

To establish whether there are any resource implications arising out of the topics under review and advise Cabinet for inclusion in the Budget Process 2011/12; and

To report back to Overview and Scrutiny Committee at appropriate intervals and to submit any final reports in the proposed Corporate Format for consideration by O & S, the Cabinet and Council.

<b>TIMESCALE</b>	<b>ESTIMATED</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
Commencement	September 2010	September 2010
<u>Finish</u> 1. Interim report to include any budgetary items for the next budget round.	By October 2010 (if needed).	Officers to consult Finance to establish if the Panel should put an interim bid for next years budget round.

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2. As a time limited review - to end by ? 2011.	? 2011	
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