

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL**CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE -1 NOVEMBER 2016****WORK PROGRAMME REPORT 2016-17****REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: GOVERNANCE, PROCUREMENT AND COMMISSIONING****1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To enable the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee to consider and agree the Committee's work programme for 2016/17

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee agree items for the 2016/17 work programme; and
- 2.2 That the Committee agree meeting dates for the remainder of the 2016/17 municipal year.

3. INFORMATION

- 3.1. The suggestions shown in Appendix 1 were considered by the Scrutiny Management Board on 20 July 2016 and have been referred to the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee (CYP) to decide which issues should be included in the Committee's work programme.
- 3.2. Scrutiny Management Board allocated a baseline of six formal meetings during the municipal year for scrutiny; this allocation does not include informal or sub-group meetings which may be held to gather evidence as part of a review, briefing meetings or regional/external scrutiny meetings. The CYP committee review of multi-agency working against CSE was resource intensive in 2015/16, meeting 27 times. Therefore a tacit agreement was reached by the Scrutiny Management Board that the Committee could choose to limit the number of meetings in 2016/17. However, it is important to take into account the essential safeguarding and corporate parenting role that the Committee performs. Furthermore there is an expectation that the Committee should cover a broader work programme this year, due to focussing on a single issue in 2015/16. Issues that have been put forward for consideration in the work programme include SEND, Care leaver's accommodation and wider oversight of child protection policy and practice.
- 3.3. The work programme will be flexible to allow for important issues which emerge during the year to be scrutinised. However, if a new topic is added to the work programme, consideration must be given to removing an existing item to avoid the workload becoming unmanageable and losing focus.

3.4. Scrutiny Management Board also agreed that any items remaining at the end of the work programme period should automatically be removed so that future work programmes are fresh and focused on current issues and concerns. If an issue remains of concern it may be submitted for re-consideration in the next work programme.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

4. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

4.1. There are no specific equal opportunity impacts arising from this report. Equal Opportunity issues will be considered as part of any scrutiny work.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

5.1. There are no specific environmental impacts arising from this report. Environmental impacts will be considered as appropriate to the topics in the work programme.

6. LEGAL COMMENT

6.1 The Constitution requires each Scrutiny Committee to agree its work programme and undertake this through formal committee meetings, member working groups and sub-groups. These requirements relate directly to the recommendations in this report.

6.2 The specific requirements and responsibilities of the Council's scrutiny functions are set out further in the Council's constitution at Part 3 (section - "Scrutiny Rules", page 59 et seq.) and supplemented by the guidance in the council's Scrutiny Handbook.

7. LINKS WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES

7.1. Scrutiny members are asked to agree the work programme in the context of the Council's priorities.

8. OPPORTUNITIES AND RISKS

8.1. There is an opportunity to focus the work programme on fewer topics and in more depth in areas of policy development where scrutiny can have a greater impact. There is a risk that too many topics are kept in the work programme so that it loses focus and impact.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1. Scrutiny has a role in ensuring that local government is effective and accountable. This includes undertaking reviews and challenging and monitoring performance. Support for the committee and the work programme are managed within existing resources. The financial implications of any recommendations made by Scrutiny should be considered as part of reports as relevant.

10. WARD IMPLICATIONS

10.1. There are no specific ward implications arising from this report.

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

11.1. NONE

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Appendix 1

Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee Work Programme Report 2016/17

I. Meeting schedule

Date of Meeting	Items	Type of Meeting	Attendees
Tuesday 1 st November 2016	Education Attainment Primary School Performance Update on the latest changes to the education assessment system at Key stage 2 and 4 SEND Education Health and Care Plans Work programme To agree future items for the work programme	Committee	Cllr Gilly Reynolds Cllr Paul Watling Clive Jones Jim Collins Michelle Parker Andy Cooke Simon Wellman Sue Dyson
Thursday 8 th December 2016	Ofsted TWC response to Ofsted – Ofsted Action Plan Children in Care Performance Monitoring (Dashboard) Multi –agency working against CSE Update on implementation of recommendations	Committee	TBC Cllr Paul Watling Clive Jones Jo Britton Tilly Heigh
Meeting date TBC	Issues identified in Ofsted Action Plan	Committee	TBC Cabinet Member Clive Jones Jo Britton Tilly Heigh
Wednesday 8 th February, 2017	Education Attainment GCSE results Academisation and Educational Support Grant Children missing from education, safeguarding in education, school admissions and attendance	Committee	TBC Cllr Gilly Reynolds Cllr Paul Watling Jim Collins Michelle Parker, Tim Davis

	Issues identified in Ofsted Action Plan		Tracey Smart, Liz Smith Cathy Hobbs, Sue Dyson
Tuesday 4 th April, 2017	TBC Multi –agency working against CSE Interim report	Committee	TBC Cllr Paul Watling, Chair of LSCB Clive Jones
	LSCB Annual Report Finalised in the autumn term.	Health and Wellbeing Board Circulate to committee for noting	

II. Forward Plan

Item	Issues	Method of scrutiny	When	Cabinet / SMT
Linking care and educational data	Published research suggests children with long term foster families make better progress at school compared to those 'in need' i.e. those from troubled families who remain with their birth family. The impact of Pupil Premium funding on progress of looked after children, attendance and exclusion data, the difference between these pupils and peers and what is being done to support them.	Scoping required Committee	Possibly February committee meeting – (link with education attainment)	Cllr Paul Watling Clive Jones Jim Collins
Youth unemployment and NEETS	A review of youth unemployment took place in 2014.	Possible update following the 2014 review as a one-off agenda item.	April – May 2017	Cllr Gilly Reynolds Clive Jones
Children in Care:	Recommended by Ofsted. Care Leaver's Accommodation Update on Care Leavers Grant (last considered in 2013 and 2006/7) Engage with children in care; is there anything they would like scrutiny to explore.	Scoping required Committee Care leavers accommodation (possible in-depth review similar to the care placement strategy review).	April – May 2017	Cllr Paul Watling Clive Jones
Child Protection Policy and Practice	Recommended by Ofsted	Committee Possible spotlight review	April – May 2017	Cllr Paul Watling Clive Jones