

Children & Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Refresh of the Committee's Work Programme 2018 - 2019



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Purpose of the Report

- 1 To provide for Members consideration an updated work programme for the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2018-19.

Background

- 2 At its meeting on 9 April 2018 the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the actions identified within the Council Plan 2016 – 2019 for the Altogether Better for Children and Young People priority theme and agreed to refresh its work programme to include a number of these actions. In addition, topics have also been identified that are in line with the Sustainable Community Strategy, Cabinet Notice of key decisions, Partnership plans and strategies, performance and budget control data and government legislation.

Detail

- 3 In accordance with this decision, a work programme for 2018 – 2019 has been prepared and is attached at appendix two. The work programme is very comprehensive drawing on topical areas across the remit of the committee and it should be noted that it is also flexible in respect that topics can be added throughout the year.
- 4 Members are encouraged to identify areas of scrutiny investigation (in depth and light touch reviews) from the work programme. Members have previously identified the following areas for consideration as scrutiny investigations:
 - a) Private Children's Residential Care Homes – This will be a joint review with Safer Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The review will look at the impact of Private Children's Residential Care Homes. A review group will be made up of members from Children and Young People's and Safer Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committees.
 - b) Elective Home Education - This review will carry out a data analysis looking at the numbers of children involved and the reasons behind home

schooling decisions. It will also explore statutory duties and safeguarding measures.

Recommendation

- 5 Members of the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to:
 - a) Discuss and agree the new work programme 2017 – 2018 as detailed in appendix two.
 - b) Identify a topics for in depth scrutiny review.

Background Papers

Council Plan 2016 – 2019

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Appendix 1: Implications (The following implications are taken directly from the report to Cabinet on 16th March 2016)

Finance - The Council Plan sets out the corporate priorities of the Council for the next three years. The Medium Term Financial Plan aligns revenue and capital investment to priorities within the Council Plan.

Staffing - The Council's strategies are being aligned to achievement of the corporate priorities contained within the Council Plan.

Risk - Consideration of risk is undertaken in the preparation of the Council Plan and Service Plans.

Equality and diversity/Public Sector Equality Duty - A full impact assessment has previously been undertaken for the Council Plan. The actions underpinning the Council Plan include specific issues relating to equality and aim to improve the equality of life for those with protected characteristics. The Plan has been influenced by consultation and monitoring to include equality issues. There is no evidence of negative impact for particular groups.

Accommodation - The council's Accommodation programme is a key corporate programme contained within the Council Plan.

Crime and disorder - The Altogether Safer section of the Council Plan sets out the Council's contributions to tackling crime and disorder.

Human rights – None

Consultation - Council and partnership priorities have been developed following an analysis of available consultation data including an extensive consultation programme carried out as part of the development of the Sustainable Community Strategy and this has been reaffirmed by subsequent consultation on the council's budget.

Procurement – None

Disability Issues - Accessibility issues are considered in the design of our planning document.

Legal Implications- None