

Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Monday 11th November 2019

REPORT TITLE:	Children and Families Overview & Scrutiny Committee - Work Programme Update Report
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REPORT SUMMARY

The Children and Families Overview & Scrutiny Committee, in cooperation with the other three Overview & Scrutiny Committees, is responsible for proposing and delivering an annual scrutiny work programme. This work programme should align with the corporate priorities of the Council, in particular the delivery of the Wirral Plan pledges which are within the remit of the Committee.

The report provides an update regarding progress made since the last Committee meeting held on 25th September. The current work programme is made up of a combination of scrutiny reviews, workshops, standing items and requested officer reports. This update report provides the committee with an opportunity to plan and regularly review its work across the municipal year. The current work programme for the Committee is attached as an appendix to this report.

RECOMMENDATION/S

Members of the committee are requested to:

1. Note the Work Programme Update Report
2. Approve the updated Children & Families Overview & Scrutiny Committee work programme for 2019/20, making any required amendments.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

To ensure members of the Children and Families Overview & Scrutiny Committee have the opportunity to contribute to the delivery of the annual work programme.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Not Applicable

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 UPDATE ON CURRENT SCRUTINY ACTIVITY

Since the Committee meeting held on 3rd July 2019, activity has taken place relating to the following:

Healthy Lives Working Group

Two reports on obesity in the borough were brought to Committee in January and February 2019 to look at the Obesity statistics in the borough. It was agreed at the February Committee to put together a working group to further understand the issues and make recommendations. A scoping session was held on the 5th September, and further sessions are scheduled for November and December 2019.

Domestic Abuse

An information session was provided for members on the 7th November 2019, prior to report presented to members at committee.

In addition to this, Merseyside Police have provided additional amendments regarding the reality check report brought to committee in July 2019, which are attached as an appendix to this report.

Pooled Funds

A Scrutiny Workshop was held on the 30th October 2019 to discuss the Pooled Fund Section 75 agreement for the next year.

The purpose of the session is to illustrate integration arrangements for 2020/21, enable scrutiny of the proposed pooled fund and ensure that Member questions and concerns are comprehensively responded to. In addition, the workshop will aim to contribute to more transparent working arrangements with the commissioners of local health and related services and to support improved and early dissemination of information to elected members, with expected input from various witnesses who experience integrated services first-hand. A workshop report will be presented to Adult Care & Health OSC in November and will be shared with Members of Children & Families OSC once published.

3.2 FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

Reality Check Visits

Further reality check visits will take place in the upcoming municipal year, to give members to opportunity to visit service areas and speak to frontline staff. If members have any suggestions for visits please refer them to the Chair, Vice Chair and party spokespersons. Members have expressed an interest in visiting the HIVE and arrangements for this will follow in due course.

Workshops

Members have been invited to several cross-cutting workshops over the coming months. This will include a workshop into the proposed roll-out of 5G in Wirral. The dates for this will be confirmed in due course.

4.0 FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

In line with the remit of the Committee and the principles for prioritisation, as described above, Members are also requested to suggest possible topics for inclusion in the work programme. Committee Members should also consider how best to further develop the work programme in advance of the next scheduled Committee meeting in September. This could be achieved by Committee providing delegated authority to the Chair, Vice Chair and Spokespersons to provide further detailed input to the work programme development.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There may be financial implications relating to a number of the agenda items

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct legal Implications

7.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: STAFFING, ICT AND ASSETS

There are no direct resource implications

8.0 RELEVANT RISKS

There may be risk implications relating to a number of the agenda items

9.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

Not applicable

10.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct equality implications

11.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct environment or climate implications

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APPENDICES:

Appendix 1: Scrutiny Work programme

Appendix 2: Merseyside Police update report.

Background Papers

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date