



## Borough of Telford and Wrekin

### Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee

Thursday 9 July 2026

6.00 pm

Council Chamber, Third Floor, Southwater One, Telford, TF3 4JG

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| <b>Committee Members:</b> | <b>Councillors L Parker (Chair), C Chikandamina (Vice-Chair),<br/>E Aston, S P Burrell, A S Jhavar, J Kaur, T J Nelson,<br/>K Tonks, J Urey<br/>Co-optees S Fikeis and C Morgan</b> |
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|            | To review and reconfirm the Terms of Reference for the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee for the 2026/27 municipal year. |                |
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|            | To approve the draft work programme for the 2026/27 municipal year.                                                               |                |

## **6.0 Happy, Healthy & Active Holidays Programme**

**To Follow**

To receive an update on the Happy, Healthy & Active Holidays programme.

## **7.0 Chair's Update**

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## **CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

### **Minutes of a meeting of the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee held on Wednesday 22 April 2026 at 6.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, Southwater One, Telford, TF3 4JG**

**Present:** Councillors L Parker (Chair), C Chikandamina (Vice-Chair) and A S Jhawar.

**In Attendance:** D Knibbs (Director: Children's Safeguarding & Family Support), P Starkey (Senior Democracy Officer (Scrutiny)) and D Thomas-White (Managing Solicitor: Children and Adults).

**Apologies:** Councillors E Aston, I Preece, K Tonks, J Urey, S Fikeis and C Morgan.

#### **CYP17    Declarations of Interest**

None.

#### **CYP18    Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

**RESOLVED** – that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 5 February 2026 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

#### **CYP19    Telford & Wrekin Local Safeguarding Children's Board Annual Report 2024/25**

The Executive Director: Children Services and Public Health and the Chair of the Telford and Wrekin Safeguarding Children Board introduced the item and welcomed John Clements, Independent Scrutineer for the Partnership who presented the key findings of the annual report of the Telford and Wrekin Safeguarding Children Board covering the 2024/25 financial year.

Members heard that the Telford and Wrekin Safeguarding Children Board was a partnership board responsible for multiagency safeguarding arrangements to protect and safeguard vulnerable children and was funded by Telford & Wrekin Council in equal partnership with the Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin Integrated Care Board and West Mercia Police.

The role of the Independent Scrutineer was to act as a 'critical friend' to the partnership by engaging with senior leaders, practitioners, children and families, reviewing casework, chairing audits and drawing insight from a wide range of evidence sources.

The presentation was structured around four key areas:

- Compliance with Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023;

- The day-to-day effectiveness of the partnership;
- Outcomes being achieved for children; and
- Issues for the partnership to consider.

Members were advised that the partnership had strong governance and operational arrangements in place, aligned with the Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023 statutory guidance. This included a clear leadership structure, an appointed Partnership Chair, agreed priorities informed by consultation with children and young people, a scrutiny plan, and a strong quality assurance framework. Regular multi-agency case audits, learning reviews and rapid responses to emerging issues were highlighted as strengths. The Joint Targeted Area Inspection (JTAI) undertaken in July 2025 had provided external validation of the partnership's arrangements and impact.

It was reported that positive and constructive working relationships existed across partner agencies at both strategic and practitioner levels. Partners were able to challenge one another appropriately, and subgroups were considered to complement each other effectively. The Partnership Chair and Manager were described as providing strong leadership and coordination. Staff across agencies were reported to be motivated, engaged and committed, and the partnership had responded well to the demands of the July 2025 JTAI inspection.

Members heard that practice across the partnership was largely graduated, proportionate and strengths-based, with a strong focus on working with the whole family. Early help remained central to the local system, with Family Hubs and Family Connect identified as particular strengths. Performance data showed that repeat referrals and repeat child protection plan rates remained below both regional and national averages. Case audit activity had consistently identified good-quality multi-agency practice.

Independent Scrutineer for the Partnership highlighted several areas for further development, including the completion of a comprehensive multi-agency performance dashboard, reviewing the impact of changes to police harm assessment arrangements, increasing senior health leadership engagement within the partnership, and ensuring timely confirmation of funding arrangements (noting that funding had since been confirmed for the following 12 months).

Looking ahead, Members noted the challenges facing the partnership during 2026/27, including the scale of national reform across children's social care, policing and the Integrated Care Board, increasing levels of need among children and families (including SEND, poverty and emotional wellbeing), ongoing financial pressures, and the impact of disproportionate leadership demands falling on the local authority.

Members discussed the role of partners beyond the statutory safeguarding arrangements and engagement with schools, clubs and the voluntary sector. The Independent Scrutineer advised that, in addition to the three statutory

safeguarding partners, the Partnership works closely with a wide range of agencies including education providers, probation and ambulance services.

It was explained that, whilst not all partners attend Board meetings, there were established communication routes through sub-groups and partnership networks to ensure safeguarding information is shared effectively. Members heard that where domestic abuse incidents involved children, information was routinely shared with the local authority and relevant schools to ensure appropriate support can be provided. The Family Hub network and Family Connect were also highlighted as key access points for families seeking support.

Following questions raised on the programme of multi-agency case audits, the Independent Scrutineer explained that audits are undertaken on a planned basis, typically every three months, focusing on thematic areas such as child exploitation and domestic abuse. However, the programme remains flexible to respond to emerging issues. The audit process involves gathering information from partner agencies on a number of cases, analysing both strengths and areas for improvement, and identifying learning to improve practice across the partnership. Officers added that this is complemented by a significant programme of single-agency reviews within children's social care.

In response to questions regarding the discontinuation of the neglect sub-group, Members were advised that this decision followed a review of performance and priorities. It was reported that extensive work had previously been undertaken in relation to neglect and that performance indicators, including repeat referrals and child protection rates where neglect was a feature, had shown sustained improvement.

Members heard that the family safeguarding model and wider partnership approach were contributing to positive outcomes for families. The Partnership had subsequently reviewed the position after a further six months and was satisfied that performance had been maintained. It was emphasised that the Partnership would remain responsive and could revisit this area if required.

Members asked about the extent to which the voices of children and young people are embedded within safeguarding arrangements. Officers outlined a range of engagement activity, including child protection plans, co-production work through Families First for Children initiatives, and targeted engagement with specific groups such as care-experienced young people. It was highlighted that children and young people contribute to the development of policies, materials and practice approaches. Members were also advised that feedback from children was regularly reported back to the Board through established governance arrangements, ensuring that their views inform decision-making across the partnership.

## **CYP20    Work Programme**

The Managing Solicitor: Children and Adults presented the updated work programme.

Members were advised that this was the final meeting of the current municipal year and that the work programme for the next year was in the process of being developed, with a report due to be presented to the Committee in July.

It was noted that outstanding items included the Children and Young People Strategy, a site visit to the SEND Hub and a workshop relating to mental health. Members were reminded that there remained an opportunity to propose further items for inclusion in the work programme and were encouraged to submit suggestions to Democratic Services.

#### **CYP21     Chair's Update**

The Chair invited Members to put forward any additional topics for future consideration, noting that capacity remained within the work programme.

An update was provided in respect of the proposed SEND Hub visit scheduled for 30 April 2026. Due to limited availability from Members, it was suggested that an alternative date be identified. It was noted that the visit would need to take place during working hours. The Chair confirmed that a revised date would be explored.

The meeting ended at 6.47 pm

**Chairman:** .....

**Date:**            Thursday 9 July 2026



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## Borough of Telford and Wrekin

### Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee

#### Thursday 9 July 2026

#### Terms of Reference 2026/27

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| <b>Cabinet Member:</b>          | Cllr Zona Hannington – Cabinet Member for Finance & Resident Services. |
| <b>Lead Director:</b>           | Anthea Lowe – Director: Policy & Governance                            |
| <b>Service Area:</b>            | Policy & Governance                                                    |
| <b>Report Author:</b>           | Ashley Hickman – Democracy Officer                                     |
| <b>Officer Contact Details:</b> | <b>Tel:</b> 01952 382589 <b>Email:</b> ashley.hickman1@telford.gov.uk  |
| <b>Wards Affected:</b>          | All Wards                                                              |
| <b>Key Decision:</b>            | Not Key Decision                                                       |
| <b>Forward Plan:</b>            | Not Applicable                                                         |
| <b>Report considered by:</b>    | Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee – 9 July 2026               |

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#### 1.0 Recommendations for decision/noting:

It is recommended that the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee:

- 1.1 Agree and reconfirm the Terms of Reference set out at Appendix A.

#### 2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To set out the Terms of Reference for the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee outlined at Appendix A of the report.

#### 3.0 Background

- 3.1 The Constitution requires that Full Council should agree at its Annual Meeting the Terms of Reference for each of its Committees to enable the Council to efficiently conduct its business.

- 3.2 At the Annual Meeting of the Council on 21 May 2026, Full Council delegated authority to each Committee to review its own Terms of Reference.

#### **4.0 Summary of main proposals**

- 4.1 For the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee to review its Terms of Reference as set out in appendix A.

#### **5.0 Alternative Options**

- 5.1 There are no alternative options arising from this report.

#### **6.0 Key Risks**

- 6.1 There are no key risks arising from this report.

#### **7.0 Council Priorities**

- 7.1 A community-focused, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services.

#### **8.0 Financial Implications**

- 8.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

#### **9.0 Legal and HR Implications**

- 9.1 The Terms of Reference provides a clear governance framework, defining the scope, functions, and decision-making parameters of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee. This ensures transparency, accountability, and alignment with the Authority's statutory duties and constitutional arrangements.

#### **10.0 Ward Implications**

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

#### **11.0 Health, Social and Economic Implications**

- 11.1 There are no Health, Social and Economic Implications arising from this report.

#### **12.0 Equality and Diversity Implications**

- 12.1 There are no equality and diversity implications arising from this report.

#### **13.0 Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environmental Implications**

- 13.1 There are no Climate Change, Biodiversity or Environmental implications arising from this report.

#### **14.0 Background Papers**

- 1 [Council Constitution](#)

## 15.0 Appendices

- A Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee Terms of Reference 2026/27

## 16.0 Report Sign Off

| Signed off by  | Date sent  | Date signed off | Initials |
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| Legal Services | 11/06/2026 | 11/06/2026      | ON       |
| Finance        | 24/06/2026 | 24/06/2026      | TD       |

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# **CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE**

## **Membership**

1. The Committee will be made up of elected members from the Scrutiny Assembly, as appointed at Annual Council in line with the political balance of the Council, and co-opted scrutiny members.
2. The Committee may appoint co-opted scrutiny members but they must not exceed the number of elected members.
3. The Parent Governor and the Catholic and Anglican diocesan representatives will have statutory voting rights on education matters as set out on the Local Government Act 2000. Other co-optees will not have voting rights.
4. In addition to the standing co-optees, the Committee may appoint additional co-optees for one-off reviews to supplement the skills, knowledge and experience of the Committee on that particular issue. (Subject to the number of co-opted scrutiny members not exceeding the number of elected members.)
5. A Vice-Chair may be appointed by majority decision of the Committee.
6. The quorum required for a meeting is 3 elected members.
7. All Committee members should undergo the Corporate Parenting and Child Sexual Exploitation training offered by the Council (including any refresher training).
8. Members of Committee should act as champions for children and young people in the care of the authority and raise awareness of the issues facing children and young people in care with other elected members and members of the public.

## **Functions**

9. The Committee will be the main mechanism by which Scrutiny members will scrutinise and monitor the planning and performance of the Council's services to children and young people and the Council's Corporate Parenting role, including but not limited to the following key areas
  - Early years and child care
  - All aspects of education including schools and academies, school improvement, school/college transport, training and apprenticeships, behaviour and attendance, further education
  - Children's Centres
  - Special Educational Needs and Disabilities
  - Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)

- Positive activities for young people
- Safeguarding and child protection (including exploitation)
- Corporate Parenting
- Looked After Children and Care Leavers
- Fostering and adoption
- Teenage pregnancy
- Supported accommodation and lodgings
- Supported employment for young people
- Youth Services
- Youth Offending Service
- Youth unemployment, NEETs
- Family Support

10. The Committee will set its own work programme. The following points may be taken into consideration when considering the work programme each year:

- areas where significant change is proposed and the potential impacts
- performance in areas where significant change has been implemented;
- areas of financial overspend;
- areas receiving a high level of budgetary commitment;
- areas where there is a high level of user dissatisfaction;
- reports and action plans produced/agreed with external inspectors;
- areas that are key issues for the public or have become a public interest issue covered in the media.

11. The Committee will consider matters referred by the Scrutiny Management Board, and will exercise discretion as to whether a suggestion falls within the remit of the Committee to scrutinise.

### **Meeting Administration and Proceedings**

12. The Committee procedure rules as set out in the Council's Constitution apply to this Committee.

13. The meetings will follow the principles of scrutiny ie no party whip will be applied and a constructive, evidence based approach will be used.

14. If the Chair and Vice Chair (if appointed) are unable to attend a meeting the Members present will elect a Chair for the meeting.

15. All Scrutiny Committee meetings will be held in public, unless exempt information is being considered or discussed. Scrutiny Committees may appoint sub-groups to carry out investigative work as part of a review and these sub-groups may hold informal meetings but will report back their findings to the Scrutiny Committee.

16. The meetings will be administered by Scrutiny Services and Democratic Services. Frequency of meetings will be agreed by the Committee as necessary to carry out the work programme.

17. The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Executive Directors, Directors and Service Delivery Managers will attend the Committee at the request of the Chair. Representatives from other organisations may be invited to attend.

### **Sensitive and Confidential Information**

18. From time to time members may become privy to information of a confidential nature. If this happens, members must maintain this confidence. Members are unable to request personal/confidential information from Officers about an individual or family.
19. Information obtained as a result of membership of the Committee is sensitive and should be treated as being confidential by members.

### **Reporting Arrangements**

20. The Chair will provide regular updates to meetings of the Scrutiny Management Board to inform the other Scrutiny Chairs of performance and budget issues relating to the remit of their Committees.
21. The Chair of the Committee, or his/her representative, will provide and present reports and recommendations of the Committee to the Council's Cabinet, Full Council or other relevant organisations when necessary.

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#### Children & Young People Scrutiny Work Programme 2026/27

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| <b>Wards Affected:</b>          | All Wards                                                            |
| <b>Key Decision:</b>            | Not Key Decision                                                     |
| <b>Forward Plan:</b>            | Not Applicable                                                       |
| <b>Report considered by:</b>    | Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee – 9 July 2026             |

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#### 1.0 Recommendations for decision/noting:

It is recommended that the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee:

- 1.1 Review and agree the work programme as outlined at Appendix A.

#### 2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To set the work programme for the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee as outlined at Appendix A.

#### 3.0 Background

- 3.1 Scrutiny now operates a two-year work programme to allow for Committees to undertake in-depth work over a longer period of time.

- 3.2 Work programmes for Scrutiny committees are reviewed annually, with a period of consultation taking place in the months running up to a new municipal year. The public, key stakeholders, and Council officers are asked to put forward scrutiny suggestions for inclusion on the coming year's work programme.
- 3.3 Following the consultation period, a draft work programme is taken to Scrutiny Management Board for comment before being sent onto individual committees for final approval.
- 3.4 The Constitution states that Scrutiny committees are to set and undertake their own programme of work, meeting as required to deliver the work programme.
- 3.5 Work programmes can be amended throughout the year if the Committee or Scrutiny Assembly deem it necessary.

#### **4.0 Summary of main proposals**

- 4.1 For the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee to review and approve the draft work programme as outlined at Appendix A.

#### **5.0 Alternative Options**

- 5.1 There are no alternative options arising from this report.

#### **6.0 Key Risks**

- 6.1 There are no key risks arising from this report.

#### **7.0 Council Priorities**

- 7.1 A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services.

#### **8.0 Financial Implications**

- 8.1 There are no direct financial implications from this report, though significant Council resources are allocated to supporting Children and Young People, with oversight provided by the Finance team.

#### **9.0 Legal and HR Implications**

- 9.1 In accordance with the Committee's Terms of Reference, the Committee will set its own work programme for the municipal year, will consider matters referred to it by the Scrutiny Management Board, and may make recommendations to Cabinet and Full Council following scrutiny.

**10.0 Ward Implications**

10.1 There are no ward implications arising from this report.

**11.0 Health, Social and Economic Implications**

11.1 There are no health, social and economic implications arising from this report.

**12.0 Equality and Diversity Implications**

12.1 There are no equality and diversity implications arising from this report.

**13.0 Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environmental Implications**

13.1 There are no climate change, biodiversity and environmental implications arising from this report.

**14.0 Background Papers**

1 Council Constitution

**15.0 Appendices**

A Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2026/27

**16.0 Report Sign Off**

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| Legal Services       | 12/06/2026       | 16/06/2026             | ON              |
| Finance              | 12/06/2026       | 26/06/2026             | PT              |

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# Children & Young People Scrutiny Work Programme 2026/27

| Issue / Topic                              | Brief Description                                                                                                                                  | Directorate         | Council Values/Priorities                                                                                                                                               | Format                | Meeting Comments                                                                 |
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| 9 July 2026 – Committee Meeting            |                                                                                                                                                    |                     |                                                                                                                                                                         |                       |                                                                                  |
| Terms of Reference                         | For the Committee to agree the Terms of Reference for 2026/27.                                                                                     | Policy & Governance | A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services.                                                                           | Committee Agenda Item | Constitutional Function.                                                         |
|                                            | Outcomes:                                                                                                                                          |                     |                                                                                                                                                                         |                       |                                                                                  |
| Work Programme                             | For the Committee to agree the proposed work programme for 2026/27.                                                                                | Policy & Governance | A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services.                                                                           | Committee Agenda Item | Draft work programme delegated to each scrutiny committee by SMB on 3 June 2026. |
|                                            | Outcomes:                                                                                                                                          |                     |                                                                                                                                                                         |                       |                                                                                  |
| Happy, Healthy & Active Holidays Programme | For the Committee to receive a briefing on the Happy, Healthy & Active Holidays programme, including current provision, uptake and overall impact. | Education & Skills  | Every child, young person and adult lives well in their community.<br><br>A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services. | Committee Agenda Item | New suggestion received for the work programme.                                  |
|                                            | Outcomes:                                                                                                                                          |                     |                                                                                                                                                                         |                       |                                                                                  |

| Issue / Topic                       | Brief Description                                                                                                                                                                                             | Directorate        | Council Values/Priorities                                                                                                                                               | Format                | Meeting Comments                                |
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| 22 October 2026 – Committee Meeting |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                    |                                                                                                                                                                         |                       |                                                 |
| SEND Reforms                        | For the Committee to receive an update on the national SEND and Alternative Provision Improvement Plan, including funding provision and the anticipated impact on children, young people, and their families. | Education & Skills | Every child, young person and adult lives well in their community.<br><br>A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services. | Committee Agenda Item | New suggestion received for the work programme. |
|                                     | Outcomes:                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                    |                                                                                                                                                                         |                       |                                                 |

| Issue / Topic                                                    | Brief Description                                                                                                          | Directorate                                                         | Council Values/Priorities                                                                                                                                               | Format                | Meeting Comments         |
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| 4 February 2027 – Committee Meeting                              |                                                                                                                            |                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                         |                       |                          |
| Education Attainment and Outcomes                                | For the Committee to review the education attainment for the Borough for 2024/25.                                          | Education & Skills                                                  | Every child, young person and adult lives well in their community.<br><br>A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services. | Committee Agenda Item | Constitutional Function. |
|                                                                  | Outcomes:                                                                                                                  |                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                         |                       |                          |
| Telford & Wrekin Local Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report | For the Committee to receive the Telford & Wrekin Local Safeguarding Children Board report for the 2024/25 financial year. | Policy & Governance<br><br>Children's Safeguarding & Family Support | Every child, young person and adult lives well in their community.                                                                                                      | Committee Agenda Item | Constitutional Function. |
|                                                                  | Outcomes:                                                                                                                  |                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                         |                       |                          |

# Children & Young People Scrutiny Work Programme 2026/27

| Issue / Topic                                  | Brief Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Directorate                                                        | Council Values/Priorities                                                                                                                                               | Format                | Meeting Comments                                |
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| To be scheduled                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                         |                       |                                                 |
| Children & Young People's Strategy 2025 – 2028 | For the Committee to receive a briefing on the Children & Young People Strategy 2025 – 2028, outlining key priorities, initiatives, and expected outcomes.                                                                                                     | Children's Services<br>Education & Skills<br>Public Health         | Every child, young person and adult lives well in their community.<br><br>A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services. | Committee Agenda Item | New suggestion received for the work programme. |
|                                                | Outcomes:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                         |                       |                                                 |
| Good Level of Development                      | For the Committee to receive an update on Early Years outcomes, including variations between ward demographics and groups of children, and assess the effectiveness of local interventions designed to improve school readiness and narrow the attainment gap. | Children's Safeguarding & Family Support<br><br>Education & Skills | Every child, young person and adult lives well in their community.<br><br>A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services. | Workshop              | New suggestion received for the work programme. |
|                                                | Outcomes:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                         |                       |                                                 |

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| To be scheduled          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                         |          |                                                            |
| Family First Partnership | For the Committee to examine how the Family First Partnership is strengthening early help, improving multi-agency working, and supporting families at an earlier stage, including how impact is measured and aligned with wider safeguarding and prevention priorities. | Children's Safeguarding & Family Support<br><br>Education & Skills | Every child, young person and adult lives well in their community.<br><br>A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services. | Workshop | New suggestion received for the work programme.            |
|                          | Outcomes:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                         |          |                                                            |
| Mental Health            | For the Committee to review the current provisions for mental health support across the Borough for children, young people and adults.                                                                                                                                  | Adult Social Care<br>Public Health<br>External                     | Every child, young person and adult lives well in their community<br><br>A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services.  | Workshop | Cross-cutting with members from Health Scrutiny Committee. |
|                          | Outcomes:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                         |          |                                                            |

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