

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

**CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –
30 JANUARY 2020**

WORK PROGRAMME 2019/20 AND 2020/21

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR: GOVERNANCE (STATUTORY
MONITORING OFFICER)**

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To enable the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee to consider and agree the Committee's work programme for 2019/20 and 2020/21.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee agree items for the 2019/20 and 2020/21 work programme (Appendix 1); and
- 2.2 That the Committee agree meeting dates for the 2019/20 and 2020/21 municipal years.

3. SUMMARY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

COMMUNITY IMPACT	Do these proposals contribute to specific Priority Plan objective(s)?	
	No	
	Will the proposals impact on specific groups of people?	
	No	Borough Wide
DELIVERY DATE	The 2019/20 and 2020/21 [two year] work programme should be delivered in-year before the 2021/22 municipal year begins.	
FINANCIAL/VALUE FOR MONEY IMPACT	No	There are no direct financial implications foreseen as part of adopting the recommendations contained in this report. However, Scrutiny has a role in ensuring that local government is effective and accountable. This includes undertaking reviews and challenging and monitoring performance. There is provision for the cost of supporting the Scrutiny function in

		<p>the Council's budget framework and the work programme will need to be managed within those resources, any variance that arises will be reported as appropriate as part of the Council's financial monitoring process.</p> <p>The financial implications of adopting recommendations made by the Scrutiny function should be considered as part of specific reports proposing those recommendations.</p> <p>Scrutiny also plays an important part of the budget consultation process which is reflected in the work programme and is a key piece of work which feeds into the Council's overall budget strategy</p> <p>RP – 8/1/2020</p>
LEGAL ISSUES	Yes/No	<p>Overview & Scrutiny for local authorities was introduced as part of the modernisation of local government in Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000. It required every local authority to have at least one O&S committee, to: hold the Executive to account; undertake policy development and review; monitor and improve performance; investigate issues of public concern; and carry out external scrutiny including the NHS.</p> <p>Establishing a work plan, and resources as set out in this report will assist O&S to effectively meet its objectives.</p> <p>AL - 16/1/2020</p>
OTHER IMPACTS, RISKS & OPPORTUNITIES	No	
IMPACT ON SPECIFIC WARDS	No	Borough-wide impact.

PART B) – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1.1 In order to ensure that the scrutiny function of the Council is effective, it

is good practice for each Scrutiny committee to set a work programme for the municipal year. The work programme suggestions shown in Appendix 1 were considered by the Scrutiny Management Board on 12 November 2019 and referred to the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee to decide which issues/topics should be included in the Committee's Work Programme, subject to further scoping. In making decisions about the work programme, the Committee should consider any feedback from both Senior Managers and Scrutiny Management Board and the following "Criteria for Scrutiny":-

- How far scrutiny can realistically change or influence things;
- The extent to which residents or businesses are affected by the issue;
- How well the Council and Partners are performing in the area; and
- What else is happening to avoid duplication or wasted effort.
- The extent to which triangulation of information can take place through the input of service users/frontline providers

1.3 The Committee should, in making decisions about the work programme, also consider the over-arching priorities for scrutiny as set by the Scrutiny Management Board on 12 November 2019:-

- The Environment;
- Housing; and
- Mental Health.

1.4 Scrutiny Management Board has not allocated a baseline for formal meetings during the municipal year for scrutiny of items on the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee's work programme. The Committee should seek to schedule a provisional programme of formal meetings during each municipal year covered by the 2019/20 and 2020/21 work programme. This schedule 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.

1.5 The work programme needs to 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.

2.0 PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 None.

3.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

3.1 Scrutiny Handbook.

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Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee – 2019/20 and 2020/21 Work Programme

Issue / Topic	Purpose	Status / Source if New	Service Area	SMT Feedback (if any)	SMB Feedback (if any)
Children Safeguarding Improving Practice – An approach to enabling all children to live safely at home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening Families – Protecting Children Strengthening Families – Early Help 	New - SMT	Children’s Safeguarding		Children Safeguarding Improving Practice – An approach to enabling all children to live safely at home

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Children with Learning Disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to improve services for young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their families • How do we improve our work with families to develop care packages • Meeting demand for EHCPs and how the appeal process is managed <p>Special School Places and provision in mainstream schools</p>	New – Scrutiny Chairs	Education & Corporate Parenting	The Working Group of Officers and Heads need to complete preliminary work before presenting to Scrutiny. To accommodate this, it is therefore recommended that the meeting to scrutinise the development of Post-16 SEND offer is held at the end of March.	Children with Learning Disabilities
Mental health provision for Children & Young People (Joint with Health & Adult Care)	Review of early intervention activity	New – Scrutiny Chairs	NHS		Mental health provision for Children & Young People (Joint with Health & Adult Care)
Care Leavers Covenant	Development of policy to support opportunities and support for care leavers including work with local businesses	New – Scrutiny Chairs	Children’s Safeguarding & Family Support		Care Leavers Covenant

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Travel Support for Children & Young People	Development of policy (at the time of the suggestion, consultation taking place).	New – Cllrs Ian Fletcher & Jayne Greenaway	Education & Corporate Parenting		Travel Support for Children & Young People
Bullying in Schools	<p>Procedures and policies in place in respect of bullying in school, particularly violent or racial incidents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many incidents were recorded. <p>How were they managed.</p>	From Committee	Education & Corporate Parenting	<p>This matter is regarded as outside of the remit of the local authority. Bullying is primarily monitored by Ofsted while policy and complaints are handled directly by schools.</p>	Bullying in Schools

Issue / Topic	Purpose	Status / Source if New	Service Area	SMT Feedback (if any)	SMB Feedback (if any)
School Exclusions	<p>In depth review of school exclusions, including unofficial exclusions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers in the Borough by school. Junior & Secondary. • Home educated numbers. Further details regarding reasons for home education. • Provisions for excluded children* <p>Not scoped</p>	<p>From Committee</p> <p>* New – Scrutiny Chairs</p>	Education & Corporate Parenting	<p>It has been recommended that a review of school exclusions is delayed until after action plans under the 'Belonging Strategy' have been fully rolled out. A conference on this matter will be held in early March; it will be attended by all head teachers and the researcher whose work the strategy is based upon. Therefore, SMT recommend considering exclusions around Easter – mid to late April.</p>	School Exclusions
Educational Attainment	<p>Considered annually. Includes CiC results.</p>	Monitoring	Education & Corporate Parenting		Educational Attainment

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LSCB Annual Report	In previous years the Annual Report has been presented to Scrutiny after HWB.	Monitoring	Children's Safeguarding / Organisational Development & Delivery		LSCB Annual Report