



Report to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

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Report of: Policy & Improvement Officers

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Subject: **Scrutiny Committees – work programme overview**

One of the roles of OSMC is to take a 'light touch' overview of scrutiny work.

The draft work programmes of the 4 Scrutiny Committees are attached, in order to provide a comprehensive picture of planned scrutiny activity – although it is likely that these work programmes will change and develop as the year progresses.

The Committee is asked to note the draft work programmes, and identify issues where joint working between Committees may be appropriate.

Recommendations:

That the Committee:

- Notes the draft work programmes
 - Identifies any opportunities for joint working
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Children, Young People & Family Support

Proposed Topic	Reasons for selecting topic	Attendee/s	Date
Monday 20th July 2015			
South Yorkshire Police Crime Commissioner, Dr Alan Billings “The Police and Crime Plan and Current Issues”	The Committee would welcome the opportunity to meet the Commissioner and discuss the Police & Crime Plan and current issues.	Dr Alan Billings, South Yorkshire Police Crime Commissioner	Monday 20th July
Adoption Performance - update report	Extract from CYP&FS Scrutiny minutes on 9th March 2015. It was agreed, that the Committee: <i>“Expresses its concerns at the delays in the adoption process, as detailed in the adoption scorecard, set out in the report now submitted, and, in the light of this, requests the Director of Children and Families to submit a report to the Committee on the steps and measures being taken to address this issue.”</i>	Dorne Collinson, Director of Children and Families Suzanne Whiteley, Fostering & Adoption Service Manager	Monday 20th July
Draft Work Programme 2015-16	The Committee will consider the draft work programme for 2015-16.	Diane Owens, Policy & Improvement Officer	Monday 20th July

Monday 28th September 2015

Road Safety & Education for Children & Young People in Sheffield	To requests a report to include the following: - An overview of the South Yorkshire Safer Roads Partnership and the Education, Training and Publicity Action Plan - An update on road safety for children and young people in Sheffield including an update on fatalities over the past 10 years and any resulting action taken by the partnership	Joanne Wehrle, Safer Roads Education Manager Karen Vickers Senior Road Safety Officer	Monday 28th September
Children & Families Act – update report	To request an update on how we are delivering the requirements of the Children and Families Act, capturing the different elements of the act, including court proceedings, adoption, and special educational needs	Dorne Collinson, Director of Children and Families	Monday 28th September

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Monday 30th November 2015

Sheffield Safeguarding Children's Board - Annual Report 2014-15	The Committee consider this report on an annual basis to understand the priorities and performance over the past 12 months.	Trevor Owen, Head of the Safeguarding Children Service and other attendees tbc	Monday 30th November
Sheffield Safeguarding Children's Board Annual CSE Report 2014-15	This is a new annual report which was a recommendation from the internal CSE assessment undertaken in Sheffield in 2014.	Trevor Owen, Head of the Safeguarding Children Service and other attendees tbc	Monday 30th November

Support for children with disabilities and their families	This will include an update on the recommendations / outcomes from the "State of Sheffield 2014" survey carried out by Sheffield Parent Carer Forum (the survey involved 320 parents of children and young people with disabilities and / or additional needs from across the city).	Sheffield Parent Carer Forum	Monday 30th November
Attainment in Sheffield - headline report	The Committee may choose to request a headline Report (with full report to then follow in January when national comparator data will be available). A headline report would outline the early picture / key points in terms of the attainment statistics for Sheffield.	Antony Hughes, Children's Commissioner & Director of Inclusion & Learning and other attendees tbc	Monday 30th November
Monday 25th January 2015			
2014 City Wide Attainment Outcomes in Schools and Academies: Further detail on attainment outcomes for all Key Stages	A detailed report on the attainment statistics for Sheffield and analysis in terms of the available national data / comparators.	Antony Hughes, Children's Commissioner & Director of Inclusion & Learning and other attendees tbc	Monday 25th January
Schools Company (Trust)	To receive an update on work around developing the Schools Company (Trust).	Antony Hughes, Children's Commissioner & Director of Inclusion & Learning and other attendees e.g. Head teacher/s tbc	Monday 25th January

Healthy relationship education & emotional health & wellbeing in schools	An update report on how healthy relationship education & emotional health & wellbeing support is being delivered in schools.	Antony Hughes, Children's Commissioner & Director of Inclusion & Learning and other attendees tbc	Monday 25th January
Monday 14th March 2016			
Looked after Children & Care Leavers Annual Report to Scrutiny	The Committee consider this report on an annual basis to understand the priorities and performance over the past 12 months.	Jon Banwell, Assistant Director - Provider Services and other attendees tbc	Monday 14 th March 2016
Annual Fostering & Adoption Report	The Committee consider this report on an annual basis to understand the priorities and performance over the past 12 months.	Jon Banwell, Assistant Director - Provider Services and other attendees tbc	Monday 14 th March 2016
Monday 25th April 2016			
Annual meeting with Young Carers & Young People	Annual event (closed meeting for scrutiny committee not open to the public)	Diane Owens (SCC) / Emma Hinchcliffe (Sheffield Futures) and other attendees tbc	Monday 25 th April 2016

Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee Draft Work Programme

Proposed Topic	Date	Notes
Major Task and Finish work		
Homecare – assuring quality.	Reporting by March 2016.	Task group to finalise scope but will take a whole systems approach and is likely to focus on the quality of homecare, considering whether all parts of the system are joined up; training and skills of the social care workforce; how the way we commission and contract homecare can impact on quality and how well services meet individual needs, particularly cultural appropriateness.
Sub-Group		
Quality Accounts	Autumn 15 & Spring 16	Sub group of Committee Members to carry out work on Quality Accounts on behalf of the Committee. The group will meet with providers twice; early in the process to identify issues it wants to see addressed in their reports, based on previous Quality Accounts, issues raised through scrutiny work and case work of members, and then again to comment on the final draft of the report.
Single Item Agenda Issues		
Carers' Strategy	Sept 15	Carer's views currently being sought. Over the summer, headline proposals/actions will be developed. Committee could test these in September, prior to final decisions on the strategy being made.
Better Care Fund with a focus on Active support and recovery	Nov 15	To gain a better understanding of what the Better Care Fund means for partners in the city, and how it will be delivered; and to look at proposals for active support and recovery under the Better Care Fund, and consider what Sheffield could be doing better

Public Health Vision	2016	The cabinet member is planning to review and refresh the vision for public health, adopted when the Council took on responsibility for the service. This would give the Scrutiny committee the opportunity to challenge and comment on the proposed vision.
Accessing Psychological Therapies	2016	To consider how Sheffield can maximise the benefits of psychological therapies.
Consideration of Task Group Report	By March 2016	
Children's health and food		To look at the current picture in terms of obesity and under-nutrition in children in Sheffield, understand the influencing factors and consider how Sheffield could improve its approach.
Elective Care Review (CCG)		
Issues for briefings/information/updates		
End of Life Care – access to services	Sept 2015	Inc health equity audit
Learning Disabilities	January 2016	To include an update on progress of deregistration of learning disability care homes; update on progress on the 'Transforming Care' agenda; update on the development of a voluntary code of conduct for supported living.
Access to GP Services		
Dementia Strategy		
Care Act		
Safeguarding Review		

Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Committee

Topic	Notes	Date
Implications of the Budget for Housing	The purpose is for the Committee to be aware of, and understand the implications of the changes announced by the Chancellor in the July budget. A Registered Social Landlord could also be invited to the meeting to provide their perspective.	September 2015
HRA Business Plan	The purpose is for the Committee to have an input prior to a Cabinet Report scheduled for January 2016. The Committee's October meeting has been suggested by officers as the best time for Scrutiny to have a meaningful input.	October 2015
Community Safety	March 2015 meeting agreed: "consideration be given to the inclusion of a meeting in the Committee's Work Programme of a themed meeting on Police and Community Safety which would include an update on the reorganisation of local policing." It is proposed to include the Partner Resource Allocation Meeting (PRAM) as part of this wider item on Community Safety.	
Welfare Reform	March 2015 meeting requested " officers continue to present update reports to the Committee in their current form, so that Members could request further information on specific items either when they received the report or at the subsequent meeting." The Committee may also wish to consider hearing from external organisations, e.g. Citizens Advice Bureau.	
Housing+ Model and its Implementation	A formal report on the implementation of Housing+ is proposed, following which a Committee visit would be arranged to see how implementation is working 'on the ground.'	
Tenant Engagement Update	To provide the Committee with the opportunity to comment on proposals on the approach to community engagement. This could also pick up on the Committee's request for an update on the Challenge for Change Community Engagement report it looked at in September 2014.	
Challenge for Change:	The Council Housing Service's scrutiny group Challenge for Change (made up of customers)	

Vacant Property Management	are now concluding their fourth review looking at vacant property management and would like to present to the Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Committee.	
Local Area Partnership	The Committee has previously requested a report be presented to the Committee, with the Cabinet Member and Lead Officer being invited to attend the meeting.	

**Written Briefings 'For Information'
(Circulated with meeting papers, and officers do NOT attend the meeting)**

Welfare Reform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - July 2013 Committee requested "a one page update on progress with Welfare Reform issues be provided to Committee Members bi-monthly" - November 2014 Committee requested "that future reports be set out to include comparative figures, so that trends could be identified." 	Every meeting
Right to Buy Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Committee have received a bi-monthly update on Right to Buy since November 2013. - November 2014 Committee requested "that future reports be set out in an appropriate table, which includes comparative figures, so that trends could be identified" 	Every meeting

Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

Item	Notes	Date
Streets Ahead – Winter Maintenance	To look at the approach to winter maintenance.	September 2015
Waste Management: Amending Assisted Collection Policy	The current approach for assisted collections is potentially open to abuse. Proposals are being developed to ensure checks are in place, which are reasonable to ensure consistency.	September 2015
Sheffield's International Economic Commission	April 2015: the Committee should (A) monitor the developments of Sheffield's International Economic Commission and (B) give consideration to (1) establishing a Task Group during 2015/16 to scrutinise the proposals in respect of the Commission.	
Broadband and economic development	Suggested as single topic meeting by the 2014/15 Committee.	
Air Quality	Follow up to the Committee's discussion in February 2015.	
Cycling Inquiry Progress	To update the Committee on implementation. In July 2014 the Committee asked for an update on progress in one year's time.	
Future Role of City Centre	Follow up to the Committee's discussion in October 2014.	
Streets Ahead	Progress on the Streets Ahead programme,	2016
Libraries	The Committee agreed to look at Libraries at its July 2015 meeting on the Call In on the Proposed Disposal of Walkley Library.	

Written briefings (without agenda time)		
House Building Task Group	This was the Committee's Task Group for 2014/15. This item is the report back from the Cabinet Member and officers which Cabinet agreed at its June meeting to do this as soon as possible after the summer.	
Streets Ahead	Committee requested an update following discussion of the Streets Ahead Action Plan on Street Lighting in July 2014.	
Modernisation of Cabinet Highways Committee - review of new arrangements	The Committee requested at its April 2013 meeting that a review of the new arrangements be undertaken following implementation.	
Proposed to include within other items		
Rural broadband	The Committee has had written and verbal updates on this topic following the discussion in April 2013. It is proposed to incorporate this item in to the potential item on 'Broadband and economic development.'	