



Report to Children, Young People & Family Support Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee Monday 3rd February 2020

Report of: Policy and Improvement Officer

Subject: Work Programme 2019/20: Children, Young People & Family Support Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee

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The current work programme for 2019/20 is attached at Appendix 1 for the Committee's consideration and discussion. The work programme has been updated and items scheduled for some of the meetings. The work programme includes a list of items and the Committee is asked to prioritise and agree remaining items to be scheduled in line with the sections of this report that refer to role of scrutiny, determining the work programme. Where an issue is not appropriate for inclusion on a meeting agenda, but there is significant interest from members, the Committee can choose to request a written briefing. Note there is one meeting remaining this municipal year on 2nd March 2020.

Type of item: The report author should tick the appropriate box

Reviewing of existing policy	
Informing the development of new policy	
Statutory consultation	
Performance / budget monitoring report	
Cabinet request for scrutiny	
Full Council request for scrutiny	
Call-in of Cabinet decision	
Briefing paper for the Scrutiny Committee	
Other	X

The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:

- Prioritise and agree items for 2nd March 2020

Background Papers: [Sheffield Council Constitution](#)

Category of Report: OPEN

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1.0 What is the role of Scrutiny?

1.1 Scrutiny Committees exist to hold decision makers to account, investigate issues of local concern, and make recommendations for improvement. The Centre for Public Scrutiny has identified that effective scrutiny:

- Provides 'Critical Friend' challenge to executive policy makers and decision makers
- Enables the voice and concern of the public and its communities
- Is carried out by independent minded governors who lead and own the scrutiny process
- Drives improvement in public services and finds efficiencies and new ways of delivering services

1.2 Scrutiny Committees can operate in a number of ways – through formal meetings with several agenda items, single item 'select committee' style meetings, task and finish groups, and informal visits and meetings to gather evidence to inform scrutiny work. Committees can hear from Council Officers, Cabinet Members, partner organisations, expert witnesses, members of the public. Scrutiny Committees are not decision making bodies, but can make recommendations to decision makers.

2.0 Determining the work programme

2.1 Attached to this report at Appendix 1 is current work programme 2019/20.

2.2 It is important the work programme reflects the principles of effective scrutiny, outlined above at 1.1, and so the Committee has a vital role in ensuring that the work programme is looking at issues that concern local people, and looking at issues where scrutiny can influence decision makers. The work programme remains a live document, and there will be an opportunity for the Committee to discuss it at every Committee meeting, this might include:

- Prioritising issues for inclusion on a meeting agenda
- Identifying new issues for scrutiny
- Determining the appropriate approach for an issue – e.g. select committee style single item agenda vs task and finish group
- Identifying appropriate witnesses and sources of evidence to inform scrutiny discussions
- Identifying key lines of enquiry and specific issues that should be addressed through scrutiny of any given issue.

2.3 Members of the Committee can also raise any issues for the work programme via the Chair or Policy and Improvement Officer at any time.

3.0 Meeting Dates 2019/20

- 3.1 Meetings have been scheduled on the following dates:
- 2nd March 2020 (Monday 10-12pm)

4.0 Recommendations

- 4.1 The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:
- Prioritise and agree items for 2nd March 2020
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CURRENT WORK PROGRAMME 2019/20

Last updated: 23rd January 2020

Please note: the work programme is a live document and so is subject to change.

Children, Young People & Family Support		Mondays 10am-12pm	
Topic	Reasons for selecting topic	Lead Officer/s	Agenda Item/ Briefing Paper/Task Group
<i>Monday 15th July 2019 10am-12pm</i>			
<i>Draft Work Programme 2019/20</i>	<i>Setting a work programme - priorities for inclusion in the work programme - informal session - statutory and good practice to scrutinise, SEND Action Plan, Adoption and Fostering, Task and Finish.</i>		Agenda Item
<i>Monday 16th September 10am-12pm</i>			
<i>OFSTED report of Inspection of Sheffield children's social care services - July 2019</i>	<i>Consider the report of this OFSTED inspection, judgement and what needs to improve (improvement journey)</i>	<i>Jackie Drayton, Cabinet Member for Children and Families; John Doyle, Director of Business Strategy</i>	
<i>Home Schooling</i>	<i>Hear an update on SCC submission to the national consultation and response, statutory responsibilities of an LA with regard home school children and what SCC do, future plans of the service provision</i>	<i>Cabinet Member for Education and Skills; Joel Hardwick and Andrew Jones, Commissioning, Inclusion and School Services</i>	

<i>Inclusion Update</i>	<i>Hear about the work towards an inclusion strategy</i>	<i>Cabinet Member for Education and Skills; Tim Armstrong, Head of SEN</i>	
<i>Monday 14th October 10am-12pm</i>			
<i>Adoption Service - Annual Report</i>	<i>Holding to account – consider annual report; and how service works for 'keeping families together'</i>	<i>Cabinet Member for Children and Families, Carly Speechley and Paul Dempsey; Children's Care Council; Sheffield Care Leavers Union</i>	<i>Agenda Item</i>
<i>Post adoption monitoring</i>	<i>Follow up on specific ask when Committee considered the previous annual report</i>	<i>Cabinet Member for Children and Families, Carly Speechley and Paul Dempsey</i>	<i>Agenda Item</i>
<i>Progress with Regional Agency for adoptions</i>	<i>Follow up on specific ask when Committee considered the previous annual report</i>	<i>Cabinet Member for Children and Families, Carly Speechley and Paul Dempsey</i>	<i>Agenda Item</i>
<i>Postering Service - Annual Report</i>	<i>Holding to account – consider annual report</i>	<i>Cabinet Member for Children and Families, Carly Speechley and Paul Dempsey; Children's Care Council; Sheffield Care Leavers Union</i>	<i>Agenda Item</i>
<i>Monday 4th November (10am-12pm)</i>			
<i>Inclusion Update – including SEND inspection Action Plan</i>	<i>Update on emerging SEND and Inclusion Strategy; Monitoring of the SEND Action Plan in response to OFSTED & CQC inspection</i>	<i>Cabinet Members for Children and Families and for Education and Skills; Dawn Walton (Tim Armstrong & Joel Hardwick); CCG; Schools SEND (Learn Sheffield)</i>	
<i>Pupil Outcomes, City Context and School Performance 2018/19</i>	<i>Pupil Outcomes, City context and school performance</i>	<i>Cabinet Member for Education and Skills; SCC lead officer; Learn Sheffield</i>	

Learn Sheffield – Review of the previous school improvement strategy and sharing the new strategy	A follow-on request of the Committee November 2018 and March 2019 - pupil outcomes 2018 reporting for more detail on school locality action plans	Learn Sheffield	
Monday 2nd December 10am-12pm			
Safeguarding Children's Board Annual Report	Holding to account - consider Annual Report; and impact of new safeguarding policies and practices	David Ashcroft (Independent Chair of Sheffield Children Safeguarding Partnership); Victoria Horsefield (Assistant Director Safeguarding & QA) and Tina Gilbert (Safeguarding Board Manager); Jackie Drayton, Cabinet Member for Children and Families; TBC: Young Advisors; Children's Care Council; Sheffield Care Leavers Union	Agenda Item
Sheffield Sexual Exploitation Service Annual Report		Dan White (Head of Targeted Services & Health – Sheffield Futures)	Agenda Item
Tuesday 17th December 4:30-6:30pm			
Make Your Mark outcomes 2019 - UK youth consultation		Youth Council/Cabinet;	Agenda Item

Monday 3rd February 10am-12pm			
Sheffield Inclusion Strategy (includes SEND commissioning)	Consideration of the developing co-produced strategy post consultation; and information on commissioning plan and joint commissioning,	Cabinet Members for Children and Families and for Education and Skills; SCC - Tim Armstrong & Joel Hardwick; CCG - Sapphire Johnson and Brian Hughes	
Monday 2nd March 10am-12pm			
Pupil Outcomes/School Performance 2018/19 – analysis, data and School Improvement Strategy	Issues from 4.11.2019: Additional data - do we know the increase in deprivation impact at primary level, is this a proxy of impact of social changes, are there any schools that have high level of deprivation that have high results (is there a good practice/case study); and how the data as evidence supports change through school improvement strategy	Cabinet Member for Education and Skills; Lead - Stephen Betts, Learn Sheffield; Andrew Jones (SCC lead)	
Schools Funding Formula	Update on funding position following Schools Forum 12 th February 2020	Cabinet Member for Education and Skills; Lead Officer - Mark Sheikh	
Voice and influence of Children and Young People	Reporting of the task and finish group to the committee		
<i>TBC (Move to July 2020) - Children and Young People's Mental Health Transformation Programme</i>	<i>An update for the Committee 12 months after their consideration of the programme March 2019</i>	<i>Cabinet Member for Children and Families, Jackie Drayton; Dawn Walton (SCC); CCG; CAMHS</i>	
<i>TBC if required - Sheffield Inclusion Strategy</i>	<i>Further update on this co-produced strategy should it be required following 3rd February</i>	<i>Cabinet Members for Children and Families and for Education and Skills; Dawn Walton (Tim Armstrong & Joel Hardwick); CCG; Schools SEND (Learn Sheffield)</i>	

TBC (Move to next municipal year 2020/21) - Children's Social Care Improvement and Recovery Plan Update	Update provided to Committee 16th September recovery plan update scheduled for May 2019 - date for consideration of scheduled update at CYP&FS to be confirmed		
Items still to be prioritised and likely to be scheduled 2020/21			
Information Brief: Update on services and support, for Gypsy and Travelling, and Roma Families	Receive an update on services and data - a follow on from last year's report	Cabinet Members for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety, Education and Skills, Children and Families	
Information Brief: Post 16 – breakdown by localities	Information on post 16 in the city by locality of home and point of study;		
TBC - Probably next municipal year (2020/21) - Children's Social Care Improvement and Recovery Plan Update	Update provided to Committee 16th September recovery plan update scheduled for May 2019 - date for consideration of scheduled update at CYP&FS to be confirmed		
Scheduling TBC - MAST and Early Years	update on this multi-agency approach in Sheffield; and an update on Early Years Services/Family Centres/Great Start in Life; working with schools	Jackie Drayton, Cabinet Member for Children and Families, Carly Speechley, Director of Children and Families	
TBC when: Leader's Review of Young People's Services; and universal youth provision - including youth clubs;	Policy development - Update on Leader Review and an Integrated Approach to Supporting Young People; this links with commissioning and provision. Child Criminal Exploitation and work of Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee	Sam Martin	

Outcomes of University graduates; and post 16 in the city - 'A' level and degree apprenticeships (see information brief on Post 16)	Want to understand if there is a gap across provisions in the city that impacts on outcomes - inequality; progress in university and job outcomes by characteristics, school type, place (Sheffield young people) - BME progress in university and job outcomes		to be scoped
Other areas of work - not agenda items			
Voice and influence of Children and Young People	task and finish group of the committee to co-work with children and young people to input to the work programme; and on a top topic(s) identified by young people		Scrutiny Task and Finish Group

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