

EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Work Programme 2019 - 20



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| Date of meeting | Agenda item | Prioritisation Score | Reason for consideration | Responsible Cabinet Member / Officer |
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| 10 July 2019 | Fair Funding for Schools | | As a result of an amended motion on notice to 18.03.2019 Council – Education and Children's Overview and Scrutiny Committee to closely monitor the impact of the school funding crisis in Plymouth exploring specifically whether schools in the city are being forced to close early on some days of the week as a result of funding constraints. | Judith Harwood |
| | Pledge Update | | To provide Members with a progress position on pledges relevant to the panel's remit | Cabinet Member |
| | Elective Home Education | | To include rise and reasons. What are the drivers? | Jo Siney/ Isabelle Morgan |
| | Bullying and Attendance | | | Jo Siney/ Isabelle Morgan |
| | Care Leavers and NEET - plan | | | Andrea Powell/ Natalie Smith |

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| | Strategic Risk Register | | To help populate the work programme if risks fall within the scrutiny panel's remit | Julie Hosking |
| 11 Sept 2019 | Child Exploitation | 2 | Include a progress report on Together for Childhood. Also for Members to be provided with the scope of child exploitation and include information upon cyber issues, modern slavery and the framework for the multi-agency group | Jean Kelly |
| | Together for Childhood | | | Siobhan Wallace |
| | Plymouth Challenge Update | 4 | A progress report | Judith Harwood/ David Bowles |
| | Early Help Offer and plans for development | 5 | Commissioning -Include CAMHS -developments | Jo Siney/ Emma Crowther |
| | OFSTED Inspection of Children, Young People and Families Service – Action/ Improvement Plans | 5 | Improvement plan to be presented to Members. This item has recently gone to Cabinet. | Jean Kelly |
| 13 Nov 2019 | This meeting was cancelled due to the election – items moved to 8 January 2020 meeting. | | | |
| 8 Jan 2020 | STEM refresh of plan | 4 | To provide a retrospective and looking forwards view of the STEM plan. | Ed Coley |
| | Number of Children in Care | Standing item | This is a standing on every agenda. Details to include figures of SEN, special guardianship, care plans etc | Jean Kelly |

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| | Policy Update | Standing item. | Scrutiny Management Board agreed for this item to be a standing item on all scrutiny agendas. | Policy Team |
| | Young Carers | 4 | To provide assurance – are we responding to young carers in the most appropriate way and meeting legislative and best practice requirements to help those young people? | |
| | Corporate Plan Performance Report | | To provide Members with further information upon corporate plan performance. | Andrew Loton |
| | New Ofsted Framework | 3 | To provide details on the impact on the inspection framework. Information update only. | Judith Harwood |
| | Fit and Fed Programme | 4 | To provide a briefing upon the success of the summer Fit and Fed programme – data to be included. | Louise Kelly |
| | JTAI (Joint Targeted Area Inspection) | 4 | Presentation | Jean Kelly |
| | School Attendance Consultation | 5 | To include data regarding achievement levels in schools. | Judith Harwood |
| | Elective Home Education | 5 | DFE consultation results to be included for discussion with reference to the Inclusion and Attendance Strategy | Judith Harwood |
| 4 March 2020 | Corporate Performance and Finance Outturn Report - Education focus | 5 | The Scrutiny Management Board resolved that this item should be included on the ECSC work programme as a standing item for every meeting to monitor the budget position for items specifically relating to the panel's terms of reference. | Judith Harwood |

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| | Number of Children in Care | 5 | This is a standing on every agenda. Details to include figures of SEN, special guardianship, care plans etc | Jean Kelly |
| | Children in Need | 5 | Plymouth's response to the Department for Education's paper released in June 2019. Brief summary/ action plan progress. | Jean Kelly |
| | Care Leavers and NEET | 5 | Progress report to be provided (specifically Pledge 48). Work undertaken to improve the overall offer. | Jean Kelly |
| | Report on PAUSE | | | Emma Crowther |
| | NEW: Scrutiny of Adopt South West – Regional Adoption Agency | | Adoption/ performance/ outcomes - Plymouth performance only | Kath Drescher/ Jean Kelly |

| Items to be scheduled 2019/20 | | |
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| Subject | Reason added to work programme | Responsible Officer |
| School visits | Added to the work programme on 13.3.19 – recommended by Councillor Jon Taylor (Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Transformation) for Members to see what schools were doing to raise standards/ attainment. | Judith Harwood |
| School Readiness Update | Added to the work programme on 6.02.2019 – progress update at future meeting. <u>Update: Information to be emailed to Members New Year 2020</u> | Judith Harwood |
| How the Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE) is delivered across the city. | Added to the work programme on 28.11.2018. <u>Update: Information to be emailed to Members New Year 2020</u> | Judith Harwood |

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| Transition to Adulthood | Added to the work programme on 29.05.2019 <u>Update: Information to be emailed to Members February 2020</u> | Jean Kelly |
| Code of Conduct | Added to the work programme on 29.05.2019 | Judith Harwood |
| Education and Skills Strategy | Added to the work programme on 10.07.2019 | Judith Harwood |
| Safeguarding Social Workers | Added to work programme by Vice Chair 14.08.2019. To include, monitoring, recording and mitigation. | Jean Kelly |
| Cyber Bullying | To hear from Dr Andy Phippen – expert witness on cyber bullying and internet security for young people. Moved from March 2020 meeting – to be rescheduled. | Judith Harwood |
| OFSTED Inspection of Children, Young People and Families Service – Action/ Improvement Plans | To monitor progress since September 2019 meeting. Moved from March 2020 meeting – to be rescheduled. | Jean Kelly |
| Progress Report – Pledge 48 | To include data upon Care Leavers who were NEET (not in Education, Employment or Training). Moved from March 2020 – to be rescheduled. | Jean Kelly |
| Sex Education and Relationship Curriculum | How are maintained schools going to deliver the new sex education curriculum – comes into force in September 2020 – to have sight of policy. Moved from March 2020 – to be rescheduled. | Judith Harwood |
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| Select Committee Reviews | | |
| Bullying and attendance – Select Review? | Added to the work programme on 13.03.2019. To be scheduled after February 2020. | Judith Harwood |

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| <p>Fair Funding for Schools</p> | <p>Added to the work programme on 10.07.2019</p> <p>To assess the impact of the National Funding Formula (NFF) upon Plymouth schools, with particular attention upon the impact on staffing reduction including teaching assistants, the increase in class sizes, collapsing the school day and concerns schools have for the children over the city.</p> <p>To be scheduled February 2020.</p> | <p>Judith Harwood</p> |
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Annex I – Scrutiny Prioritisation Tool

| | | Yes (=1) | Evidence |
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| P ublic Interest | Is it an issue of concern to partners, stakeholders and/or the community? | | |
| A bility | Could Scrutiny have an influence? | | |
| P erformance | Is this an area of underperformance? | | |
| E xtent | Does the topic affect people living, working or studying in more than one electoral ward of Plymouth? | | |
| R eplication | Will this be the only opportunity for public scrutiny? | | |
| | Is the topic due planned to be the subject of an Executive Decision? | | |
| | Total: | | High/Medium/Low |

| Priority | Score |
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| High | 5-6 |
| Medium | 3-4 |
| Low | 1-2 |