

EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Work Programme 2019 - 20



Please note that the work programme is a 'live' document and subject to change at short notice.

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Date of meeting	Agenda item	Prioritisation Score	Reason for consideration	Responsible Cabinet Member / Officer
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	Capital and Revenue Monitoring Report Q3	5	This information was requested at the previous meeting.	Paul Looby
	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

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	Pledges Update		Standing item – update on pledges relevant to the panel’s TOR	
	JTAI (Joint Targeted Area Inspection)	5	To be received with an update on the recent inspection	Jean Kelly
	Scrutiny of Adopt South West – Regional Adoption Agency	5	Adoption/ performance/ outcomes - Plymouth performance only	Kath Drescher/ Jean Kelly

Items to be scheduled 2019/20		
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
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
Children in Need	Plymouth’s response to the Department for Education’s paper released in June 2019. Brief summary/ action plan progress. To be emailed around to Members.	Jean Kelly
Report on PAUSE	To be rescheduled in the new municipal year.	Emma Crowther
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

<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
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
High	5-6
Medium	3-4
Low	1-2