

Education and Children's Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Work Programme 2020-2021



Please note that the work programme is a 'live' document and subject to change at short notice. The information in this work programme is intended to be of strategic relevance.

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Date of meeting	Agenda item	Prioritisation Score	Reason for consideration	Responsible Cabinet Member / Officer
19 October 2020	Finance – breakdown Children's Services. Month 4 monitoring report	Report required	Assess financial situation of Childrens Service	Cllr Lowry/Andrew Hardingham
	Children in care – numbers/cost	Verbal Update	Assess numbers/costs	Cllr Laing/Jean Kelly/Alison Botham
	Return to school recovery plan – update on health and wellbeing programme. Impact of Covid 19 (day to day for schools). School transport to be covered. Regular update	Report	Assess the impact of Covid 19	Cllr J Taylor/Alison Botham
	Policy Update	Report		Caroline Marr
2 December 2020	Update on progress since JTAI	5	Assess improvement via improvement plan – presentation?	Cllr Laing/Jean Kelly/Alison Botham
	In house fostering/ impact of service re-design.	5	Assess the impact of the service re-design – 2 page briefing report.	Cllr Laing/Jean Kelly/Alison Botham
	Covid impact – standing item. Covid related relaxation of regs. (policy)	Private briefing – to be emailed around.	Update since previous meeting – impact on service area – verbal update (briefing emailed)	

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	Participation – work of young safe-guarders and Listen and Care Council		Report.	Cllr Laing
6 January 2021	Skills for Plymouth – (to include update on Kickstart)	TBC	Report	Cllr J Taylor
	Youth provision across the city (Jean/ Matt) The Zone.	TBC	Report and sign offs on the template.	Cllr Laing
	Finance update	TBC	Monitoring report Children’s services. Extract of it.	Cllr Laing/David Northey
	Covid update		Verbal and slides on the day Education – impact on school and attendance. Children’s social care – looked after children – those on plans. Two presentations.	Cllr Laing Cllr J Taylor Alison Botham Jean Kelly Ming Zhang
3 March 2021	Covid update	Verbal Update 5	Verbal update Education – impact on school and attendance. Children’s social care – looked after children – those on plans.	Cllr Laing Cllr J Taylor Alison Botham Jean Kelly Ming Zhang
	NEET – impact of covid on young people.	Report	To discuss the impact of the Covid pandemic on young people.	Cllr J Taylor Ming Zhang
	Child exploitation.	5	All exploitation. Sexual. Report and sign off codes. (to include information on children giving evidence in court)	Cllr Laing

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	Corporate Plan Performance Report – report	5	Annual Update	Rob Sowden
Items to be scheduled				
Review report – adopt south west				
Select Committee Reviews				
To be scheduled				
Joint Select Committee Reviews				

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