

CHILDREN AND EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 8
15 JULY 2021	PUBLIC REPORT

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REVIEW OF 2020/2021 AND WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2021/2022

RECOM ENDATIONS	
FROM: Director of Law and Governance	Deadline date: N/A
<p>It is recommended that the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Considers items presented to the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee during 2020/21 and makes recommendations on the future monitoring of these items where necessary. 2. Determines its priorities and approves the draft work programme for 2021/2022 attached at Appendix 1. 3. Notes the Terms of Reference for this Committee as set out in Part 3, Section 4, Overview and Scrutiny Functions and in particular paragraph 2.1 item 1 Children and Education Scrutiny Committee as attached at Appendix 2. 	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 The report is presented to the Committee on behalf of the Director of Law and Governance.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

2.1 To provide the committee with a review of the work undertaken during 2020/21 by the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee and to consider if further monitoring of these items are required.

2.2 To determine the committee's priorities and approve the draft work programme for 2021/2022 attached at Appendix 1.

2.3 To note the Terms of Reference for this Committee attached at Appendix 2.

2.4 This report is for the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee to consider under its Terms of Reference No. Part 3, Section 4, Overview and Scrutiny Functions, paragraphs 2.1, and 3, Specific Role of Overview and Scrutiny, sub paragraphs 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3.

3. TIMESCALES

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	N/A
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4. **BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES**

4.1 The Children and Education Scrutiny Committee was established by Council at its meeting on 12 October 2016.

4.2 During 2020/2021 the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee scrutinised the following items:

Information / Update

- Co-opted member Report
- Review of 2019/20 and Work Programme for 2020/2021

Monitoring / Calling to Account

- Recovery Plans and Priorities: Service Director for Education
- Recovery Plans and Priorities: Service Director, Children's Services and Safeguarding
- Service Director for Education Update Report
- Written Statement of Action (WSOA) - (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities)
- Update On Early Help, Older Children and Vulnerable Adolescents Strategy Development and the Best Start in Life (BSIL) Programme
- Service Director Report: Children's Services and Safeguarding including Update on Impact of COVID-19
- New University Update Report
- Corporate Parenting Annual Report
- Service Director Report – Education COVID Update
- Safeguarding Board Annual Report
- Peterborough Virtual School
- Annual Children's Social Care Statutory Complaints Report 2019-20

Policy / Plans / Consultation

- 2016 – 2021 Child Poverty Strategy

4.3 **Call-In**
None

Joint Committees

- 4.4
- Peterborough City Council's Response to COVID-19 – 20 May 2020
 - Peterborough City Council's Response to COVID-19 Recovery Plan – 2 July 2020
 - Peterborough City Council's Response to COVID-19 – 22 July 2020
 - Joint Scrutiny of the Budget Phase One - Medium Term Financial Strategy 2021/22 to 2023/24 - 11 November 2020
 - Joint Scrutiny of the Budget Phase Two – Medium Term Financial Strategy 2020/21 to 2022/23 - 22 February 2021

4.5 **Task & Finish Groups**
None

5. **WORK PROGRAMME 2021/2022**

5.1 The Committee is asked to consider the work undertaken during 2020/2021 and make recommendations on the future monitoring of any of these items where necessary.

5.2 In preparing a work programme for 2021/2022, the Committee is requested to consider its functions as set out in the terms of reference attached at Appendix 2 - Part 3, Section 4, Overview

and Scrutiny Functions and Terms of Reference.

- 5.3 A draft work programme which shows the items identified for scrutiny at the Annual Work Programming Session held on 15 June 2021 is attached at Appendix 1 for consideration.

6. CONSULTATION

- 6.1 N/A

7. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 To ensure the Scrutiny Committee fulfil the requirements as set out in the terms of reference attached at appendix 2.

8. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

- 8.1 None

Legal Implications

- 8.2 A review of last year's priorities, acting upon lessons learnt and continuous improvement and approval of the coming year's Scrutiny priorities providing a planned and focussed approach to the work of Scrutiny, is in keeping with good governance.

Equalities Implications

- 8.3 None

Rural Implications

- 8.4 N/A

9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- 9.1 Minutes of the meetings of the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee held on: 1 October 2020, 9 November 2020, 21 January 2021, 4 March 2021 and Joint Scrutiny Committee meetings held on 20 May 2020, 2 July 2020, 22 July 2020, 11 November 2020, 22 February 2021

10. APPENDICES

- 10.1 Appendix 1 – Draft Work Programme 2020/2021
Appendix 2 – Part 3, Section 4 – Overview and Scrutiny Functions

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