CHILDREN AND EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

AGENDA ITEM No. 8

14 JULY 2022

PUBLIC REPORT

Report of:		Fiona McMillan, Director of Law and Governance		
Cabinet Member(s) responsible:		Councillor Coles, Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Governance		
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REVIEW OF 2021/2022 AND WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2022/2023

RECOMMENDATIONS				
FROM: Director of Law and Governance	Deadline date: N/A			
It is recommended that the Children and Education Scrutiny	/ Committee:			

- 1. Considers items presented to the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee during 2021/2022 and makes recommendations on the future monitoring of these items where necessary.
- 2. Determines its priorities and approves the draft work programme for 2022/2023 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 2021/2022 by the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee and to consider if further monitoring of these items is required.
- 2.2 To determine the committee's priorities and approve the draft work programme for 2022/2023 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	NO	If yes, date for	N/A
Item/Statutory Plan?		Cabinet meeting	

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 2021/2022 the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee scrutinised the following items:

Information / Update

- Co-opted member Report
- Review of 2020/2021 and Work Programme for 2021/2022

Monitoring/Calling to Account

- Service Director and Portfolio Report: Children and Safeguarding
- Design for Fire Safety in Schools
- Peterborough Sufficiency Statement
- Annual Children's Social Care Statutory Complaints Report 2020/2021
- Annual Report of Peterborough Virtual School for Children in Care 2019-2020
- Children's Mental Health Services
- Service Director Report, Education incorporating the Portfolio Progress Report for the Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education, Skills and the University
- Youth Offending Service
- Report on the Work of the Corporate Parenting Committee 2020/21
- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding Children Partnership Board Annual Report 2020-2021
- New University of Peterborough

Policy / Plans / Consultation

Update on Written Statement of Action and Joint SEND Strategy

Call in.

4.4 None.

4.3

Joint Committees

- Joint Scrutiny of the Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2022/23 to 2024/25 17 November 2021
 - Joint Scrutiny of the Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2022/23 to 2024/25 9 February 2022

Task & Finish Groups

4.6 None.

5. WORK PROGRAMME 2022/2023

- 5.1 The Committee is asked to consider the work undertaken during 2021/2022 and make recommendations on the future monitoring of any of these items where necessary.
- 5.2 In preparing a work programme for 2022/2023, 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 23 June 2022 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: 15 July 2021, 6 September 2021, 18 November 2021, 20 January 2022,
- 9.2 Minutes of the Joint Scrutiny of the Budget meetings held on: 17 November 2021 and 9 February 2022.

10. APPENDICES

10.1 Appendix 1 – Draft Work Programme 2022/2023 Appendix 2 – Part 3, Section 4 – Overview and Scrutiny Functions This page is intentionally left blank