

CHILDREN AND EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 6
15 JULY 2024	PUBLIC REPORT

Report of:	Neil McArthur, Director of Legal and Governance and Monitoring Officer	
Cabinet Member(s) responsible:	Councillor Iqbal, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Governance	
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REVIEW OF 2023/2024 AND WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2024/2025

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: Director of Legal 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 2023/2024 and make recommendations on the future monitoring of these items where necessary. 2. Determines its priorities and approves the draft work programme for 2024/2025 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 3, Children and Education Scrutiny Committee and paragraph 3.5 Health Issues as attached at Appendix 2. 	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 The report is presented to the Committee on behalf of the Director of Legal and Governance, Monitoring Officer and the Democratic Services Officer.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

2.1 To provide the committee with a review of the work undertaken during 2023/2024 by the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee and to consider if further monitoring of these items is required.

To determine the committee's priorities and approve the draft work programme for 2024/2025 attached at Appendix 1.

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

2.2 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 paragraph 3, Specific Role of Overview and Scrutiny, sub paragraphs 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.5.

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 Annual meeting on 26 May 2021.

4.2 During 2023/2024 the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee scrutinised the following items:

Monitoring / Calling to Account

- **Introductory report to work of Children’s and Education Services and presentation.**
- **Integrated Front Door**
- **Clare Lodge Update**
- **Performance and Outcomes of Early Help Support Report**
- **Executive Director Children Services and Young People’s Service & Portfolio Holder Report: Integrated Front Door**
- **Annual Children’s Social Care Complaint Report**
- **Children Services Improvement Board Arrangements**
- **Annual report of Peterborough Virtual School for Children in Care**
- **Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report**
- **SEND Report**
- **Corporate Parenting Annual Report**
- **Ofsted ILAC Inspection Update**

There were no recommendations made for the above items.

4.2 **Call-In**

None

4.3 **Task & Finish Groups**

None

4.4 **Joint Committees**

- **Joint Scrutiny of the Budget, Draft Budget 2024-25 and Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2024-2027– 22 January 2024**

5. **WORK PROGRAMME 2024/2025**

5.1 The Committee is asked to consider the work undertaken during 2023/2024 and make recommendations on the future monitoring of any of these items where necessary.

5.2 In preparing a work programme for 2024/2025, the Committee is requested to consider its functions as set out in the terms of reference attached at Appendix 3 - Part 3, Section 4, Overview and Scrutiny Functions and Terms of Reference, paragraph 2.1 section 3.

5.3 A draft work programme which shows the items identified for scrutiny at the Annual Work Programming Session held on 10 June 2024 is attached at Appendix 1 for consideration and approval.

6. **CONSULTATION**

6.1 There has been consultation with the Chair, Vice Chair, Group Representatives, and relevant officers for the draft work programme 2024/2025.

7. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 To ensure the Scrutiny Committee fulfils the requirements as set out in the terms of reference attached at Appendix 2.

8. IMPLICATIONS

8.1 Financial Implications

None.

8.2 Legal Implications

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.

8.3 Equalities Implications

None.

8.4 Rural Implications

None.

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 20 July 2023, 25 September 2023, 6 November 2023, 15 January 2024, and 11 March 2024.

9.2 Minutes of the Joint Scrutiny of the Budget meetings held on: 22 January 2024

10. APPENDICES

10.1 Appendix 1 – Draft Work Programme 2024/2025
Appendix 2 – Part 3, Section 4 – Overview and Scrutiny Functions

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