Appendix 1

2018/19 SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME: Children & Families Overview and Scrutiny Panel

The main focus of the Panel's work will be the follow up from the Ofsted inspection report and the implementation of the Service Improvement Plan, and the development of Worcestershire Children First (WCF) the Alternative Delivery Model.

Updates on the Service Improvement Plan and Ofsted monitoring visits to include consideration of the workload of social workers (including travel time and key workers) and consideration of comparative figures in relation to performance of agency staff, recruitment and retention and caseloads.

Date of Meeting	Issue for Scrutiny	Date of Last Report	Notes/Follow-up Action
17 July 2019	School Attainment at KS2	9 October 2018 7 February 2018	Progress actions from 9 October 2018 meeting with Schools
17 July 2019	Update on Worcestershire Children First	23 November 2017 25 January 2018 22 March 2018 16 November 2018 29 January 2019	
17 July 2019	Performance and In-Year Budget Monitoring Quarter 4 2019 (January – March)	6 March 2019	
11 September 2019	Review the service delivery contract for Worcester Children First	23 November 2017 25 January 2018 22 March 2018 16 November 2018	

		29 January 2019 17 July 2019	
11 September 2019	Worcestershire Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report	13 September 2017 14 September 2018	
11 September 2019	Performance and In-Year Budget Monitoring Quarter 1 (April-June)		
25 September 2019	Overnight Unit-based Short Breaks for Children with Disabilities – ongoing Scrutiny	8 August 2018 4 June 2019	An in-depth Scrutiny was also carried out and reported to the OSPB on 26 April 2018 Results of consultation going to Cabinet on 26 September 2019
October 2019 (?)	New Model of Delivery for Medical Education Provision		
October 2019 (?)	Educational Outcomes for children and young people educated in Worcestershire schools for 2019	7 February 2018	
13 November 2019	School Organisation Plan (2019-24)	N/A Plan was circulated to the Panel February 2019	The Plan was agreed by Cabinet on 13 December 2018 and will be refreshed in December 2019
13 November 2019	Budget Scrutiny	16 November 2018 14 January 2018	
13 November 2019	Performance Monitoring Quarter 2 (June-Sept)		
January 2020	Budget Scrutiny		

February/March 2020	Performance and In-Year Budget Monitoring Quarter 3 (October – December)		
June/July 2020	Performance and In-Year Budget Monitoring Quarter 4 (January - March)		
Possible Future Items			
TBC	Outcomes of Ofsted ILACS inspection (17-28 June 2019)		Ofsted report published 29 July 2019
TBC (when business case is ready)	Update on the Assessment Pathway for Children and Young People who may have Autism		Referred from OSPB 25 May 2019 To be scheduled once business case is complete.
TBC	Update on the Children's Social Care Service Improvement Plan – Ofsted Monitoring Visit Feedback	14 August 2017 24 October 2017 22 March 2018 16 May 2018 14 September 2018 16 November 2018 6 March 2019	To be scheduled once date of next Ofsted visit is known. This will be a full inspection and likely to take place spring 2019.
TBC	Update on the Joint Local Area SEND Written Statement of Action/ Improvement Plan	16 May 2018 8 August 2018 6 March 2019	
TBC	Children's centres	7 February 2018 14 September 2018	

TBC	Development of Edge of Care Services	11 January 2019	Suggested during the Budget discussion
TBC	Sufficiency work including private residential provision used by the council (as suggested by CD) To include placements: • types of placements in Worcestershire • emergency placements • costs • availability	11 January 2019	Suggested by the Director of Children, Families and Communities during the Performance Monitoring discussion
TBC – when commissioning process is complete	Commissioning a 0-19 Prevention and Early Intervention Service for Children and Young People	11 January 2019 10 May 2019	Update on progress when commissioning process is complete
TBC	Children who are educated 'otherwise' (including elective home education and alternative provision)	10 May 2019	Update on progress in due course/ possible scrutiny task group
Standing Items	• Performance and In-year Budget Monitoring • Quality Assurance • Safeguarding • Budget Scrutiny Process	TBC	
Scrutiny Champions	Safeguarding – Cllr Tom Baker-Price Education – Cllr Fran Oborski Looked After Children - Cllr Jane Potter Finance/budget – Cllr Bob Banks		