

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL 14 FEBRUARY 2020

WORK PROGRAMME 2019/20

Summary

1. From time to time the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Panel will review its work programme and consider which issues should be investigated as a priority.

Background

2. Worcestershire County Council has a rolling annual Work Programme for Overview and Scrutiny. The 2019/20 Work Programme has been developed by taking into account issues still to be completed from 2018/19, the views of Overview and Scrutiny Panel Members and the findings of the budget scrutiny process.
3. Suggested issues have been prioritised using scrutiny feasibility criteria in order to ensure that topics are selected subjectively and the 'added value' of a review is considered right from the beginning.
4. The Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Panel is responsible for scrutiny of:
 - Children's Social Care and Families
 - Public Health relating to Families
 - Education and Skills
5. The current Work Programme was agreed by Council on 12 September 2019.

Dates of Future Meetings

- 19 March 2020 2pm
- 28 May 2020 at 10am
- 17 July 2020 at 10am
- 8 September 2020 at 2pm
- 13 November 2020 at 10am

Purpose of the Meeting

6. The Panel is asked to consider the 2019/20 Work Programme and agree whether it would wish to make any amendments. The Panel will wish to retain the flexibility to take into account any urgent issues which may arise.

Supporting Information

- Appendix 1 – Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Panel Work Programme 2019/20

Contact Points

Specific Contact Points for this Report

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Assistant Director for Legal and Governance) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

- Agenda and minutes of Council on 12 September 2019 – available on the Council website [here](#)
- Agenda and Minutes of OSPB on 24 July 2019 - available on the Council website [here](#)