

Appendix 1

2019/20 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 Safeguarding Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services, which took place in June 2019 and Worcestershire Children First (WCF) which is the Wholly-Owned Council Company set up to deliver and improve children's social care on behalf of the Council from 1 October 2019.

Date of Meeting	Issue for Scrutiny	Date of Last Report	Notes/Follow-up Action
14 February 2020	Commissioning a 0-19 Prevention and Early Intervention Service for Children and Young People (including information previously considered under Optimising the Use of Children's Centre Buildings in the Context of Effective Prevention Services for Children and Young People)	11 January 2019 10 May 2019	Update on progress when commissioning process is complete
14 February 2020	Educational Outcomes for Children in Worcestershire 2019; and School Attainment at KS2	9 October 2018 7 February 2018 17 July 2019	Progress actions from 9 October 2018 meeting with Schools
19 March 2020	Worcestershire Children First	13 November 2019	
19 March 2020	Performance and In-Year Budget Monitoring (Period 9 Finance/Q3 Performance October-December 2019)		
28 May 2020	SEND Improvement Plan	6 March 2019 13 November 2019	6 months after previous update
28 May 2020	New Model of Delivery for Medical Education Provision		Going to Cabinet on 4 June 2020

28 May 2020	<p>Sufficiency work including private residential provision used by the council (as suggested by CD)</p> <p>To include placements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • types of placements in Worcestershire • emergency placements • costs • availability <p>Report also to include information on Worcestershire children who have been placed out-of-county in unregistered children's homes, including when, where and in what circumstances</p>	11 January 2019	<p>Suggested by the Director of Children, Families and Communities during the Performance Monitoring discussion</p> <p>Requested at Panel meeting 13 November 2019</p>
17 July 2020	Development of Edge of Care Services	11 January 2019	<p>Suggested during the Budget discussion Jan 2019</p> <p>To include the quality of intervention with families where there is a risk that children may be received into care (Ofsted recommendation)</p>
17 July 2020	Performance and In-Year Budget Monitoring (Finance Outturn/Q4 January-March 2020)		
June - Dec 2020	Update on the implementation of the Business Case for the Assessment Pathway for Children and Young People who may have Autism	OSPB 25 May 2019 CFOSP 25 September 2019	Panel requested update on implementation of new delivery model

8 September 2020	Overnight Unit-based Short Breaks for Children with Disabilities – ongoing Scrutiny	8 August 2018 4 June 2019 25 September 2019	An in-depth Scrutiny was also carried out and reported to OSPB on 26 April 2018 New model of service delivery to be implemented from April 2020. Update after 6 months requested by Panel to include parental satisfaction.
8 September 2020	Ofsted ILACS Inspection – Feedback following annual standard inspection	11 September 2019	Ofsted report published 29 July 2019 Date of follow up inspection tbc
8 September 2020	Worcestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report	13 September 2017 14 September 2018 11 September 2019	
8 September 2020	Performance and In-Year Budget Monitoring (Finance/Performance Q1 April-June 2020)		
13 November 2020	Performance and In-Year Budget Monitoring (Finance/Performance Q2 July-September 2020)		
Possible Future Items			
TBC	Elective Home Education		Scrutiny task group to be set up late spring 2020
TBC	Joint Targeted Area Inspection (focus on children's emotional health and well-being)		Date tbc
TBC	Assistant Director, SEND and Vulnerable Learners to discuss review of alternative provision		Requested at Panel meeting 13 November 2019

TBC	SEND: Timeliness of EHCPs		Requested at Panel meeting 13 November 2019
TBC	Impact of child poverty		Requested at Panel meeting 13 November 2019. Ref report from Worcester City Task Group. Also linked to public health.
Standing Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 Pat Agar		