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**
~~19 March 2020~~ Cancelled due to COVID-19	Worcestershire Children First	13 November 2019	
	Performance and In-Year Budget Monitoring (Period 9 Finance/Q3 Performance October-December 2019)		
~~28 May 2020~~ Cancelled due to COVID-19	SEND Improvement Plan	6 March 2019 13 November 2019	6 months after previous update
	New Model of Delivery for Medical Education Provision		Going to Cabinet on 4 June 2020
	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

	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 *Suggestion: Move to a future meeting*		Requested at Panel meeting 13 November 2019
16 June 2020	Update on Children's Services in Response to COVID-19		As requested by OSPB
	Review of Delivery Model for Medical Education Provision		Going to Cabinet on 25 June 2020
	Update on Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)		
17 July 2020	Development of Edge of Care Services	11 January 2019	Suggested during the Budget discussion Jan 2019 To include the quality of intervention with families where there is a risk that children may be received into care (Ofsted recommendation)
	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 *Scrutiny team to finalise date with Public Health colleagues*

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.
	Ofsted ILACS Inspection – Feedback following annual standard inspection	11 September 2019	Ofsted report published 29 July 2019 Date of follow up inspection tbc
	Worcestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report	13 September 2017 14 September 2018 11 September 2019	
	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)		
February/March 2021	Update on Starting Well	11 January 2019 10 May 2019 14 February 2020	Update on progress of Service since launch (1 April 2020) and performance against KPIs *Scrutiny Team to finalise date with Public Health Team and Worcestershire Health and Care Trust*
February/March 2021	Educational Outcomes for Children in Worcestershire 2020	9 October 2018 7 February 2018 17 July 2019	

		14 February 2020	
Possible Future Items			
TBC	Elective Home Education		Scrutiny task group to be set up late spring 2020 *Suggestion: move to Autumn*
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.
TBC	Virtual School (including the Virtual School Governing Body)		*Suggested additional item*
Standing Items	• Performance and In-year Budget Monitoring • Quality Assurance • Safeguarding • Budget Scrutiny Process	Jan/March/July/Sept/Nov	

Scrutiny Champions	Safeguarding – Cllr Tom Baker-Price Education – Cllr Fran Oborski Looked After Children - Cllr Jane Potter Finance/budget – Cllr Pat Agar		