

## **CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL**

**16 MARCH 2021**

### **WORK PROGRAMME 2020/21**

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#### **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 2020/21 Work Programme has been developed by taking into account issues still to be completed from 2019/20, 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 discussed by OSPB on 22 July 2020 and agreed by Council on 10 September 2020.

#### **Dates of Future Meetings**

- 16 July 2021 at 10am
- 22 September 2021 at 2pm
- 12 November 2021 at 10am

#### **Purpose of the Meeting**

6. The Panel is asked to:
  - Consider the 2020/21 Work Programme (attached at Appendix 1) and agree whether it would like to make any amendments so that the topics listed will be as relevant as possible to the new Panel membership following the County Council elections.

- Forward the agreed Work Programme to the OSPB on 17 March 2021.
- 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 2020/21

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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 10 September 2020](#)
- [Agenda and Minutes of OSPB 22 July 2020](#)

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