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CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
12 NOVEMBER 2021

WORK PROGRAMME 2021/22

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 2021/22 Work Programme has been developed by taking into account issues still to be completed from 2020/21, 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 OSPB on 21 July and was approved by Council on 9 September 2021.

Dates of Future Meetings

- 11 January 2022 at 10am
- 10 March 2022 at 10am
- 10 May 2022 at 2pm
- 7 July 2022 at 10am
- 20 September 2022 at 2pm
- 3 November 2022 at 10am

Purpose of the Meeting

6. The Panel is asked to consider the 2021/22 Work Programme and agree whether it would like 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 2021/22

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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 for Council on 9 September 2021
- Agenda and Minutes of OSPB on 21 July 20201

All agendas and minutes are available on the Council's website here.