

# **CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL 10 MAY 2022**

## **REFRESH OF THE SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2022/23**

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### **Summary**

1. The Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Panel is being asked to consider suggestions for its 2022/23 Work Programme prior to it being submitted to Council for approval.

### **Background**

2. The Panel routinely reviews its work programme at each meeting to consider which issues should be investigated as a priority.
3. In addition, on an annual basis, the rolling annual Work Programme for Overview and Scrutiny is approved by Council. The current Work Programme was agreed by OSPB on 21 July and was approved by Council on 9 September 2021.

### **Scrutiny Work Programme 2022/23**

4. The Scrutiny Work Programme for 2022/23 is now being refreshed. Panel Members and other stakeholders have been invited to suggest topics for future scrutiny.
5. The suggestions are detailed on the draft Work Programme (attached at Appendix 1).
6. Members are asked to consider the draft Work Programme and agree its priorities for 2022/23. Issues should be prioritised by using the scrutiny feasibility criteria agreed by OSPB.

### **Feasibility Criteria**

7. The criteria (listed below) will help to determine the scrutiny programme. A topic does not need to meet all of these criteria to be scrutinised, but they are intended as a guide for prioritisation.

- Is the issue a priority area for the Council?
- Is it a key issue for local people?
- Will it be practicable to implement the outcomes of the scrutiny?
- Are improvements for local people likely?
- Does it examine a poor performing service?
- Will it result in improvements to the way the Council operates?
- Is it related to new Government guidance or legislation?

8. The Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board will receive feedback on the Panels' discussions and agree the final scrutiny work programme at its 25 May meeting. Council will be asked to agree the Work Programme at its meeting on 14 September.

### **Remit of the Panel**

9. 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

### **Dates of Future Meetings**

- 7 July 2022 at 10am
- 20 September 2022 at 2pm
- 3 November 2022 at 10am

### **Purpose of the Meeting**

10. The Panel is asked to consider and prioritise the draft 2022/23 Work Programme and consider 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 Draft Work Programme 2022/23

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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 OSPB on 21 July 2021](#)
- [Agenda and minutes of Council on 9 September 2021](#)

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