

Work programme for Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

Future work at a glance

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Items that appear regularly at committee	
<p>The Council's Forward Plan</p>	<p>The latest version of the Council's Forward Plan is included on each scrutiny committee agenda. The Forward Plan lists all the key County Council decisions that are to be taken within the next few months together with contact information to find out more. It is updated monthly.</p> <p>The purpose of doing this is to help committee Members identify important issues for more detailed scrutiny <i>before</i> key decisions are taken. This has proved to be significantly more effective than challenging a decision once it has been taken. As a last resort, the call-in procedure is available if scrutiny Members think a Cabinet or Lead Member decision has been taken incorrectly.</p> <p>Requests for further information about individual items on the Forward Plan should be addressed to the listed contact. Possible scrutiny issues should be raised with the scrutiny team or committee Chairman, ideally before a scrutiny committee meeting.</p>
<p>Committee work programme</p>	<p>This provides an opportunity for the committee to review the scrutiny work programme for future meetings and to highlight any additional issues they wish to add to the programme.</p>

<i>Future Committee agenda items</i>		<i>Author</i>
26 June 2017		
Raising the Age of Participation	Twelve month update report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Scrutiny Review of Raising the Age of Participation.	Stuart Gallimore, Director of Children's Services
Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) Serious Case Reviews	A report outlining the findings and outcomes of the Serious Case Reviews undertaken by the LSCB during 2015/16.	Reg Hooke, Chair of LSCB/ Stuart Gallimore, Director of Children's Services
25 September 2017		
Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR)	Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR). The Committee will start looking at departmental portfolio plans and budget setting process for 2018/19.	Becky Shaw, Chief Executive
East Sussex Local Safeguarding Children Board	Presentation of the annual report of the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB).	Stuart Gallimore, Director of Children's Services
Annual Review of Safer Communities Performance	An opportunity for the Committee to consider and comment on performance in relation to safer communities in 2016/17 and the priorities and issues identified for 2017/18.	Stuart Gallimore, Director of Children's Services
Scrutiny Review of Key Stage 1 Educational Attainment	At its meeting in June 2016, the Committee asked for a monitoring report on the implementation of the Assessment Without Levels assessment framework.	Stuart Gallimore, Director of Children's Services

27 November 2017

Reconciling Policy,
Performance and
Resources (RPPR)

Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources. The Committee will review the information provided at its September meeting and establish the RPPR Board to examine departmental portfolio plans and the budget setting process for 2018/19.

Becky Shaw, Chief Executive

Current scrutiny reviews and other work underway	Date Available
Scrutiny Review of Educational Attainment in Key Stage 4. Review of Educational Attainment in Key Stage 4 focusing on issues relating to teacher recruitment.	6 monthly monitoring report provisionally scheduled for November 2017
Scrutiny Review of Educational Attainment in Key Stage 1. A report updating the Committee on the implementing the 'Assessment Without Levels' assessment framework is scheduled to put before the Committee in September 2017.	25 September 2017

Potential future scrutiny work (Proposals and ideas for future scrutiny topics appear here to be prioritised in due course)
<p>Educational Excellence Everywhere</p> <p>To consider the impact of the key proposals contained within the Government white paper, 'Educational Excellence Everywhere'. In particular, the Committee are interested in discussing the implications of the Government's proposals relating to converting schools into academies.</p> <p>Schools that work for everyone</p> <p>A government consultation which covers amongst other key proposals faith and selective schools delivering more school places.</p> <p>Safer Schools Survey Results</p> <p>The Committee will have an opportunity to comment on the results of the Safer Schools Survey and to consider whether there are any issues relating to cyber-bullying, mental health issues and feelings of isolation and online exploitation that the Committee might want to explore in future.</p>

Background / information reports available to the Committee (Items in this list appear on committee agendas when proposed for scrutiny)		Date available
Performance monitoring	<p>Performance monitoring is an integral part of scrutiny. The committee is alerted to the relevant quarterly reports that Cabinet and Lead Members receive. Members can then suggest matters for scrutiny to investigate in more detail.</p> <p>In the performance reports, achievement against individual performance targets is assessed as either 'Red', 'Amber' or 'Green' ('RAG'):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Green' means that the performance measure is on target to be achieved • 'Amber' means that there is concern about the likelihood of achieving the performance measure by the end of the year • 'Red' means that the performance measure is assessed as inappropriate or unachievable. <p>Requests for further information about individual items in the performance reports should be addressed to the listed contact. Possible scrutiny issues should be raised with the scrutiny team or committee Chair.</p>	<p>Every quarter</p> <p>Every quarter</p>
Children's Services statutory complaints report 2016-17	This will include information about compliments and other representations for the period April 2016 – March 2017.	August 2017

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