

People Scrutiny Committee - Work Programme

Current Scrutiny Reviews		
Title of Review	Detail	Proposed Completion Date
School Exclusions	<p>The Committee agreed in March 2020 to undertake a Scrutiny Review of issues relating to school exclusions. The Committee also agreed the Terms of Reference proposed by the Scoping Board and appointed a Review Board to undertake the review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership of the Review Board: to be confirmed at September 2021 meeting. • Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its effect on the availability of schools to contribute to further work on this review, it has been paused with the intention to recommence it at a suitable future date. 	Review currently on hold due to pressures arising from COVID-19.
Initial Scoping Reviews		
Subject area for initial scoping	Detail	Proposed Dates
To be agreed.		
Suggested Potential Future Scrutiny Review Topics		
Suggested Topic	Detail	
Developing Care Markets/Bedded Care Strategy	<p>Following an initial scoping exercise of issues relating to the developing care market and the Council's bedded care strategy, the Committee agreed on 14 November 2019 to postpone further scrutiny activity on this area for 18 months (to mid-2021). This will allow the Adult Social Care department to continue to develop its workstreams in relation to this area of work.</p> <p>Following a request made at its meeting in March 2021, an update report on developments relating to Bedded Care will be considered by the Committee at its meeting in September 2021.</p>	
Elective Home Education	The Committee noted issues relating to an increase in the numbers of children being home educated and that this has increased in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Committee understand that a relevant Private Member's Bill has not yet completed its progress through Parliament. The expectation is that national guidance will follow in due course (although there is not a clear date for	

	<p>this). The Committee therefore agreed to revisit this subject once the Government has published its guidance.</p>
COVID-19 response and implications	<p>A range of topics related to COVID-19 have been suggested for future scrutiny by Committee Members, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Health role – e.g. planning, resources, working with others. • The work of care staff during the pandemic and impact on recruitment and retention, including use of agency staff and experiences of BAME care workers. • Support to care homes, including health service input. • The experience of carers during the pandemic. • The impact of Covid-19 on Departments and the services they provide. <p>The Committee will consider whether to undertake work on these topics at the appropriate time when capacity allows.</p>

Scrutiny Reference Groups

Reference Group Title	Subject area	Meeting Dates
Health and Social Care Integration Programme (HASCIP) Reference Group	<p>The Committee agreed to establish a Reference Group to monitor progress of the East Sussex Health and Social Care Integration Programme (HASCIP) and identify areas for future scrutiny. It will review HASCIP progress reports provided to the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) and meet on an ad hoc basis as required to consider issues arising in more detail.</p> <p>Relevant Health and Wellbeing Board reports to be circulated to the group as they become available.</p> <p>The Reference Group last met on 28 October 2020, with a further meeting proposed for Autumn 2021.</p> <p>Membership of the group: to be updated at the Committee's September 2021 meeting.</p>	<p>Next meeting:</p> <p>Proposed date for Autumn 2021</p>
Loneliness and Resilience Scrutiny Reference Group	<p>The Committee agreed to establish a Loneliness and Resilience Scrutiny Reference Group at its meeting in March 2021. The purpose of the group will be to provide scrutiny input into a loneliness project being undertaken by the Adult Social Care and Health Department. The project will aim to develop practical solutions that will help address some of the key negative impacts of loneliness on local communities in East Sussex.</p>	<p>Next meeting:</p> <p>Proposed for November 2021</p>

	<p>The Group's first meeting took place in August 2021.</p> <p>Membership: to be updated at the Committee's September 2021 meeting.</p>	
Strategic Commissioning Review of Early Help Scrutiny Reference Group	<p>The purpose of this Reference Group is to provide scrutiny input into the Children's Services Department review of Early Help services.</p> <p>The Reference Group requested an opportunity to review progress with the implementation of the revised Early Help strategy in spring 2021, but as some changes were postponed this may be subject to review.</p> <p>Membership: to be confirmed</p>	<p>Next meeting:</p> <p>Further meeting TBC if appropriate</p>
Educational Attainment and Performance Scrutiny Reference Group	<p>The Committee agreed in June 2018 to establish a Reference Group to focus on reviewing data on educational attainment in East Sussex and related issues. The group meets on an annual basis.</p> <p>Membership: to be updated at the Committee's September 2021 meeting.</p>	<p>Next meeting:</p> <p>Early 2022</p>
Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR)	RPPR Board meeting to agree detailed comments and any recommendations on the emerging portfolio plans and savings proposals to be put to Cabinet on behalf of the scrutiny committee.	<p>Next meeting:</p> <p>To be confirmed</p>
Reports for Information		
Subject Area	Detail	Proposed Date
Better Care Fund	Following a request made by the Committee at its meeting in March 2021, the Director of Adult Social Care undertook to provide Members with a briefing on developments relating to the Better Care Fund. As the Department are yet to receive updated guidance from central government for the 2021/22 financial year, the timescale for producing the briefing is still to be confirmed.	To be confirmed.
Training and Development		
Title of Training/Briefing	Detail	Proposed Date
Briefing on ASC Green Paper	To gain a better understanding of the potential implications of the Government's Green Paper/Adult Social Care reforms once published.	Dependent on publication by Government
People Scrutiny 'Away Day'	A session for the committee members to discuss the potential items for the future programme, agree priorities and the type of work to be carried out (e.g. reports at committee, briefings, scoping scrutiny reviews and establishing reference groups etc.).	To be confirmed.

Future Committee Agenda Items		Author
18 November 2021		
Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR) 2022/23	The Committee will continue the process of examining the Departmental Portfolio Plans and budget for the 2022/23 financial year.	Becky Shaw, Chief Executive
Committee Work Programme	To manage the committee's programme of work including matters relating to ongoing reviews, initial scoping reviews, future scrutiny topics, reference groups, training and development matters and reports for information.	Senior Democratic Services Adviser
East Sussex Safeguarding Children Partnership (ESSCP)	Presentation of the annual report of the East Sussex Safeguarding Children Partnership.	Independent Chair, East Sussex Safeguarding Children Partnership
March 2022		
Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR) 2021/22	To provide the Committee with an opportunity to review its input into the RPPR process for 2022/23.	Becky Shaw, Chief Executive
Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE) Annual Report	To update the Committee on the work of SACRE, with the report to include a further update on secondary school performance in relation to the requirements of the National Curriculum and Religious Education.	Roy Galley, Chairman of SACRE / Stuart Gallimore, Director of Children's Services
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June 2022		

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September 2022		
Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR) 2023/24	The Committee will begin the process of examining the Departmental Portfolio Plans and budget for the 2023/24 financial year.	Becky Shaw, Chief Executive
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Safeguarding Adults Board - Annual Report	The Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) Annual Report outlines the safeguarding activity and performance in East Sussex during the previous financial year, as well as some of the main developments in place to prevent abuse from occurring.	Chair, Safeguarding Adults Board