



Report to Children, Young People and Family Support Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee Thursday 25th February 2021

Report of: Policy and Improvement Officer

Subject: Work Programme 2020/21 and Future Work Programme:
Children, Young People and Family Support Scrutiny & Policy
Development Committee

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This report is a summary of the work of the Committee 2020/21. The usual pattern of meetings was disrupted by Covid-19, meetings were held virtually, and this Committee met in May, June, October, November 2020, January and finally February 2021.

The work programme attached at Appendix 1 is the completed work programme 2020/21, it includes potential items the Committee might like to recommend for inclusion in a future draft work programme 2021/22.

Type of item: The report author should tick the appropriate box

Reviewing of existing policy	
Informing the development of new policy	
Statutory consultation	
Performance / budget monitoring report	
Cabinet request for scrutiny	
Full Council request for scrutiny	
Call-in of Cabinet decision	
Briefing paper for the Scrutiny Committee	
Other	X

The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:

- Note the work programme completed 2020/21
- Agree potential items to recommend for inclusion in a future draft work programme 2021/22

Background Papers: [Sheffield Council Constitution](#)

Category of Report: OPEN

Work Programme 2020/21 and Future Work Programme: Children, Young People and Family Support Scrutiny Committee - Thursday 25th February 2021

1.0 What is the role of Scrutiny?

1.1 Scrutiny Committees exist to hold decision makers to account, investigate issues of local concern, and make recommendations for improvement. The Centre for Governance and Scrutiny (formerly the Centre for Public Scrutiny) has identified that effective scrutiny:

- Provides 'Critical Friend' challenge to executive policy makers and decision makers
- Enables the voice and concern of the public and its communities
- Is carried out by independent minded governors who lead and own the scrutiny process
- Drives improvement in public services and finds efficiencies and new ways of delivering services

1.2 The Centre for Governance and Scrutiny has updated its activity with several blogs and handy advice for scrutiny in Covid-19, and the Covid Act. These can be found on their web pages - <https://www.cfgs.org.uk/> .

1.3 Scrutiny Committees can operate in a number of ways – through formal meetings with several agenda items, single item 'select committee' style meetings, task and finish groups, and informal visits and meetings to gather evidence to inform scrutiny work. Committees can hear from Council Officers, Cabinet Members, partner organisations, expert witnesses, members of the public. Scrutiny Committees are not decision making bodies, but can make recommendations to decision makers.

2.0 Work programme 2020/21 and Future Work Programme 2021/22

2.1 The usual pattern of meetings was disrupted by Covid-19, meetings were held virtually, and this Committee met six times in 2020/21. Each year the Committee determines a work programme, which remains through the year. Appendix 1 is the completed work programme 2020/21.

2.2 In practice with previous years the outgoing Committee will highlight potential items to include in a future work programme 2021/22, examples of these are set out in Appendix 1.

3.0 Recommendations

3.1 The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:

- Note the work programme completed 2020/21
- Agree potential items to recommend for inclusion in a future draft work programme 2021/22

Children, Young People & Family Support Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee

WORK PROGRAMME 2020/21

Last updated: 17th February 2021

Please note: this version is the completed work programme 2020/21

Children, Young People & Family Support		Thursdays 10am-12pm	
Topic	Reasons for selecting topic	Lead Member/Officer/contact	Agenda Item/ Briefing Paper/Task Group
Thursday 21st May 2020 3:00pm			
Call-in of the Cabinet Decision on Investing in Young People	Scrutinise this decision and agree Committee's course of action	Jackie Drayton, Cabinet Member for Children and Families, Abtisam Mohammed, Cabinet Member for Education and Skills; John Macilwraith, Executive director, People, Sam Martin, Head of Commissioning	Agenda Item
Friday 26th June 2020 10:00am			
Request by the Scrutiny Committee for Further Information Following the Call-in of the Decision on Investing in Young People	Consider the further information supplied and as per the Scrutiny Procedure rules determine if it wishes to make recommendations to the Executive on the called-in decision "Investing in Young People"	Jackie Drayton, Cabinet Member for Children and Families; John Macilwraith, Executive director, People	Agenda Item

Thursday 15th October 2020 2:00pm			
Return to School in Covid-19 - Update on Schools Fully Opening	Consideration of update on schools returning September 2020, support for and issues faced	Cabinet Member for Education and Skills, Andrew Jones, Interim Director for Education, School Leaders across the city estate	Agenda Item
Draft Work Programme 2020/21	Consideration of draft work programme for remainder of this municipal year	Policy & Improvement Officer	Agenda Item
Thursday 19th November 5:00pm			
Impact of Covid-19 pandemic on Young People in Sheffield	Hear from Young People in Sheffield (Sheffield Youth Cabinet) the impact of the pandemic on their education, work, health, and pressing issue that scrutiny could investigate further - future restrictions, educational disadvantage, what do young people want to see happen to minimise impact	Members of Sheffield Youth Cabinet	Agenda Item
Draft Work Programme 2020/21	Consideration of draft work programme for remainder of this municipal year	Policy & Improvement Officer	Agenda Item
Thursday 21st January 2021 10:00am			
Sheffield Children Safeguarding Partnership Annual Report 2019-20	Holding to account - consider Annual Report; and impact of new safeguarding policies and practices	David Ashcroft (Independent Chair of Sheffield Children Safeguarding Partnership); others TBC - Tina Gilbert (Safeguarding Board Manager); Cabinet Member for Children and Families;	Agenda Item
Sheffield Sexual Exploitation Services Annual Report 2019-20		Dan White	Agenda Item

Youth Services - Sheffield City Council – interim update	Update on Youth Services after bringing in house October 2020	Cabinet Members for Children and Families and for Education and Skills; John Macilwraith, Dawn Shaw, Laura Hayfield	Agenda Item
Thursday 25th February 2021 10:00am			
MAST	Update on provision, now and future, a current position briefing on this service structure, its support role in pandemic response; how does it work in pandemic norm of working from home, such as principle of co-location.	Jackie Drayton, Cabinet Member for Children and Families; Helen Sweaton	Agenda Item
Elective Home Education	Impact of Covid-19, an alternative to school; and safeguarding of those home schooled; has nature, profile changed in pandemic.	Abtisam Mohammed, Cabinet Member for Education and Skills, Andrew Jones, Rosemary Ward	Agenda Item
Potential items for future work programme 2021/22			
CAMHS – legacy of pandemic	CAMHS - impact of Covid-19 pandemic, the legacy of, immediate and future mental health services for children and adolescent		Agenda Item
Educational disadvantage and catch up plans - legacy of pandemic	What are catch up plans for those whose education was, and continues to be impacted by the pandemic; is there evidence of increased educational disadvantage in Sheffield due to Covid-19 /lockdown?		Agenda Item
Education and Skills Strategy	Consider this new strategy		Agenda Item
Sheffield Children Safeguarding Partnership Annual Report 2019-20	Holding to account - consider Annual Report; and impact of new safeguarding policies and practices	David Ashcroft (Independent Chair of Sheffield Children Safeguarding Partnership)	Agenda Item

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Sheffield Sexual Exploitation Services Annual Report 2019-20		Dan White	Agenda Item
Youth Services - Sheffield City Council Strategy and future service	The Council strategy and future service for Youth Services – possible task and finish group	Cabinet Members for Children and Families and for Education and Skills; John Macilwraith, Dawn Shaw, Laura Hayfield	Agenda Item and/or Task Group (Youth Strategy/Youth Services)
Youth Cabinet and Scrutiny	Continued collaboration on important issues for young people in the City, reporting on actions	Sheffield Youth Cabinet, Sheffield young people	Agenda Item and Task Group