

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
WORK PROGRAMME****Report By: Assistant Chief Executive – Legal and Democratic****Wards Affected**

County-wide

Purpose

- 1 To consider the Committee work programme.

Financial Implications

- 2 None

Background

- 3 As reported to Council in May, work is ongoing on the response to the findings of the external healthcheck of the scrutiny function, undertaken by the Leadership Centre, which is also looking at the Council's governance arrangements as a whole and Member Development. Members of the Strategic Monitoring Committee (SMC) have met informally to discuss the findings, some of which relate to the content of annual Work Programmes. Further informal SMC work is being programmed. Work Programmes of all the Scrutiny Committees will need to be reconsidered in the light of these discussions. The Committee should have the opportunity to consider a revised work programme at its next meeting.
- 4 Pending the outcome of the above work an in accordance with the Scrutiny Development Plan a report on the Committee's current Work Programme will be made to each of the scheduled quarterly meetings of this Scrutiny Committee. A copy of the suggested Work Programme is attached at Appendix 1.
- 5 The programme may be modified by the Chairman following consultation with the Vice-Chairman and the Director of Children's Services in response to changing circumstances.
- 6 Should any urgent, prominent or high profile issue arise, the Chairman may consider calling an additional meeting to consider that issue.
- 7 Should Members become aware of any issues they consider may be added to the scrutiny programme they should contact either the Director of Children's Services or the Democratic Services Officer to log the issue so that it may be taken in to consideration when planning future agendas or when revising the work programme.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT subject to any comment or issues raised by the Committee the Committee work programme be approved and reported to Strategic Monitoring Committee.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- None identified.