

Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

20 May 2021

Work Programme 2021/22

Meeting date: 20 May 2021 – 2.00 p.m.		Despatch: 12 May	
Item	Description	Report Author	Form of Scrutiny*
Update on Children's Legal Team	To receive an update report on the co-ordination of the Children's Legal Team at Herefordshire Council and measures being implemented rapidly in response to the recent court judgement.	Kate Charlton	Performance Review
Meeting date: 1 June 2021 – 10.15 a.m.		Despatch: 21 May	
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Report of work of prevent and disrupt group to address child exploitation and the current risk of exploitation in Herefordshire. Child Exploitation summit, to include modern day slavery	To provide detail on the work of the prevent and disrupt group to address child exploitation in Herefordshire. To include detail of the current risk of exploitation to children in Herefordshire. To facilitate the child exploitation summit to include a focus on modern day slavery.	Cath Knowles	Performance Review
Looked after children	To receive a dedicated performance report concerning looked after children.	Hilary Brooks	Performance review
Peer on peer abuse recommendations	To receive an update report on progress with the recommendations from the peer on peer abuse review and those made by the scrutiny committee.	Ceri Morgan/Andy Gill	Performance review
Meeting date: 27 July 2021 – 10.15 p.m.		Despatch: 19 July	
Youth Justice Plan	To endorse the Youth Justice Plan 2021/22 for approval by full Council and consider whether there are any comments the committee would wish to make that would inform the production of the Plan for 2019/20.		Pre-decision call-in of Policy Framework item
Corporate Parenting Strategy – annual update /	To consider the annual update to the Corporate Parenting Strategy 2020-2023.	Andy Gill/Hilary Brooks	Performance Review

Leaving care and preparing for adulthood	To receive details of what services exist to prepare care leavers and unaccompanied child asylum seekers for adulthood.		
Adoption Service and Fostering Service annual reports	To receive the annual reports from the adoption and fostering services and consider the outcomes and recommendations. To make recommendations to the cabinet member on the operation of the services during 2020/21.	Hilary Brooks	Performance review
Children's Centre T&F scope	To consider a scoping document for a task and finish group concerning children's centres.		Policy review and development
Meeting date: 14 September 2021 – 10.15 a.m.		Despatch: 6 September	
Impact of pandemic on opportunities for school and care leavers	To provide a report concerning how the council is intending to address the impact on school and care leavers of the potential economic downturn and reduced employment opportunities caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.	Ceri Morgan	Policy review and development / Performance review
Mental health	To provide a report concerning actions to address mental health problems arising from the pandemic and including a focus on pastoral support in schools and potential forms of funding from government.	Ceri Morgan/Public Health	
Herefordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (HSCP) annual report and LADO and IRO annual reports	To receive and scrutinise the HSCP annual reports and IRO and LADO annual reports.	Hilary Brooks/Andy Gill	Performance Review
Meeting date: 23 November 2021 – 10.15 a.m.		Despatch: 15 November	
Public Health – Dental Health and Childhood Obesity	<p>To provide a report on the high-level action plan for improving oral health in Herefordshire and details of any progress against the recommendations in the oral health needs assessment.</p> <p>To provide an update on work of the council to address childhood obesity</p>		Performance Review

	To provide detail regarding the Public Health England better start in life (BSIL) Programme.		
Meeting date: 11 January 2022 – 10.15 a.m.		Despatch: 3 January	
Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS)	To seek the views of the committee on the draft medium term financial strategy (MTFS), the budget proposals for 2021-22 relating to Children and Families.	Andrew Lovegrove, Josie Rushgrove	Pre-decision call-in/Policy review and development
Meeting date: 22 March 2022 – 10.15 am.		Despatch: 14 March	
Work programme 2022/23	To agree the work programme and meeting dates for the 2021/22 administrative year.	Matt Evans	

Business to allocate

- Additional meetings of the committee to be arranged when updates on the Improvement Strategy are available.
- Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEETs) – task and finish group – **Proposed**
- Funding routes to schools and governance around schools funding
- Early years intervention and prevention
- Progress report on savings proposals relating to foster carers and sufficiency strategy.

Briefing Notes:

Briefing note concerning the NEETs project			Briefing note – September 2021
Outcome of the audit of the reduction in child protection plans			Briefing note – Summer 2021
Elective Home Education and current trends			Briefing note – November 2021
Kick Start Programme			Briefing note – June/July 2021

* *Pre-decision call-in, Performance review, Policy review and development*