Children and Young People Work Programme 2019/20

This table sets out the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel work programme for 2018/19; the items listed were agreed by the Panel at its meeting on 26 June 2019. This work programme will be considered at every meeting of the Panel to enable it to respond to issues of concern and incorporate reviews or to comment on pre-decision items ahead of their consideration by Cabinet/Council.

The work programme table shows items on a meeting-by-meeting basis, identifying the issue under review, the nature of the scrutiny (pre-decision, policy development, issue specific, performance monitoring, partnership related) and the intended outcomes.

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Meeting date: 26 June 2019 *(Deadline for papers: 12pm, 17 June 2019)*

Scrutiny category	Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Holding the executive to account	Cabinet Member priorities	Verbal update	Cabinet Member for Schools and Adult Education; Cabinet Member for Children's Services	To understand current priorities and consider these in relation to Panel work programme.
Holding the executive to account	Health and Wellbeing Strategy	Written report	Dagmar Zeuner, Director of Public Health; Clarissa Larsen	
Scrutiny reviews	Children's mental health task group	Written report	Stella Akintan, Scrutiny Officer	Final report
Holding the executive to account	Departmental update report	Written report	Director of Children, Schools and Families	Update report
Performance management	Performance monitoring	Basket of indicators	Head of Policy, Planning and Performance	To highlight items of concern
Setting the work programme	Work programme 2019/20	Written report	Rosie Mckeever, Scrutiny Officer	To agree the work programme and select a subject for task group review.

Meeting date: 7 October 2019 *(**Deadline for papers:** 12pm, 27 September 2019)*

Scrutiny category	Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Standing items	Cabinet Member priorities	Verbal update	Cabinet Member for Schools and Adult Education; Cabinet Member for Children's Services	To understand current priorities, policy development and performance indicators.
Holding the executive to account	School maintenance costs	Written report	Tom Procter, Head of Contracts and School Organisation; Rachael Wardell, Director of CSF	Information report itemising the council's spending on school maintenance and how this is prioritised.
Holding the executive to account	Troubled families	Written report	Roberta Evans, YOT Team Manager; El Mayhew, AD Children's Social Care and Youth Inclusion	Scrutinise performance and comment on options for the future.
Holding the executive to account	Departmental update report	Annual report	Rachael Wardell, Director of Children, Schools and Families	Update report
Performance management	Performance monitoring	Basket of indicators	Head of Policy, Planning and Performance	To highlight items of concern
Setting the work programme	Work programme 2019/20	Written report	Rosie Mckeever, Scrutiny Officer	To review the work programme and agree any changes

Meeting date: 6 November 2018 *(Deadline for papers: 12pm, 25 October 2019)*

Scrutiny category	Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Standing items	Cabinet Member priorities	Verbal update	Cabinet Member for Schools and Adult Education; Cabinet Member for Children's Services	To understand current priorities, policy development and performance indicators and consider these in relation to Panel work programme.
Budget scrutiny	Budget/business plan scrutiny (Round 1)	Written report	Caroline Holland, Director of Corporate Services	To discuss and refer any comments to the O&S Commission
Holding the executive to account	Support for failing schools	Written report	Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, Head of Service for School Improvement	Receive info on the work of the school improvement service
Holding the executive to account	Departmental update report	Annual report	Rachael Wardell, Director of Children, Schools and Families	Update report
Performance management	Performance monitoring	Basket of indicators	Head of Policy, Planning and Performance	To highlight items of concern
Setting the work programme	Work programme 2019/20	Written report	Rosie Mckeever, Scrutiny Officer	To review the work programme and agree any changes

Meeting date: 15 January 2020 *(**Deadline for papers:** 12pm 6 January 2020)*

Scrutiny category	Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Standing items	Cabinet Member priorities	Verbal update	Cabinet Member for Schools and Adult Education; Cabinet Member for Children's Services	To understand current priorities, policy development and performance indicators and consider these in relation to Panel work programme.
Budget scrutiny	Budget/business plan scrutiny (Round 2)	Written report	Caroline Holland, Director of Corporate Services	To discuss and make recommendations to forward to Cabinet
Holding the executive to account	Corporate Parenting	Annual report	Assistant Director Children's' Social Care and Youth Inclusion	To provide comments on annual report
Holding the executive to account	Departmental update report	Annual report	Rachael Wardell, Director of Children, Schools and Families	Update report
Performance management	Performance monitoring	Basket of indicators	Head of Policy, Planning and Performance	To highlight items of concern
Setting the work programme	Work programme 2019/20	Written report	Rosie Mckeever, Scrutiny Officer	To review the work programme and agree any changes

Meeting date: 12 February 2020 *(**Deadline for papers:** 12pm 3 February 2020)*

Scrutiny category	Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Standing items	Cabinet Member priorities	Verbal update	Cabinet Member for Schools and Adult Education; Cabinet Member for Children's Services	To understand current priorities, policy development and performance indicators and consider these in relation to Panel work programme.
Holding the executive to account	Harris Wimbledon	Written report		
Health scrutiny	Merton Safeguarding Children Board	Written report		Annual report
Holding the executive to account	Departmental update report	Annual report	Rachael Wardell, Director of Children, Schools and Families	Update report
Performance management	Performance monitoring	Basket of indicators	Head of Policy, Planning and Performance	To highlight items of concern
Setting the work programme	Work programme 2019/20	Written report	Rosie Mckeever, Scrutiny Officer	To review the work programme and agree any changes

Meeting date: 11 March 2020 *(**Deadline for papers:** 12pm 2 March 2020)*

Scrutiny category	Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Standing items	Cabinet Member priorities	Verbal update	Cabinet Member for Schools and Adult Education; Cabinet Member for Children's Services	To understand current priorities, policy development and performance indicators and consider these in relation to Panel work programme.
Holding the executive to account	Schools Standards Annual Report	Written report	Rachael Wardell, Director of Children, Schools and Families	To scrutinise attainment information
Holding the executive to account	Health & Wellbeing Strategy Annual Review	Written report	Dagmar Zeuner, Director of Public Health; Clarissa Larsen	Annual update
Holding the executive to account	Departmental update report	Annual report	Rachael Wardell, Director of Children, Schools and Families	Update report
Performance management	Performance monitoring	Basket of indicators	Head of Policy, Planning and Performance	To highlight items of concern
Setting the work programme	Topic suggestions for 2020/21	Written report	Rosie Mckeever, Scrutiny Officer	

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