

Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel - Work Programme 2021/2022



This table sets out the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel work programme for 2021/22; the items listed were agreed by the Panel at its meeting on 26 June 2021. 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.

Chair: Councillor Sally Kenny

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Meeting date: 29 September 2021 (**Deadline for papers: 12pm, 20 September 2021**)

Scrutiny category	Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Standing items	Covid 19 update	Presentation	Dagmar Zeuner, Director of Public Health.	Presentation on the on the impact of COVID-19 within schools and amongst children and young people.
Holding the executive to account	School Places Planning Strategy	Written Report	Tom Procter, Head of Contracts and School Organisation	To review the Strategy for managing the changing demand for primary and secondary school places.
Scrutiny of the CSF Department	Departmental update report	Written Report	Jane McSherry, Director of Children, Schools and Families	An overview of the key issues within the Children, Schools and Families Department.
Holding the executive to account	Cabinet Member Priorities	Verbal Update	Councillor Eleanor Stringer, Cabinet Member for Children and Education	Overview of key issues of concern for the Cabinet Member.
Performance Monitoring	Performance monitoring Report	Written Report	Head of Policy, Planning and Performance	Panel to review the basket of indicators
Setting the work programme	Work programme 2021/22	Written Report	Stella Akintan, Scrutiny Officer	To review the work programme and agree any changes

Meeting date: 3 November 2021 (*Deadline for papers: 12pm 25 October 2021*)

Scrutiny category	Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Standing Item	Covid 19 update	Presentation	Dagmar Zeuner, Director of Public Health	To review the impact of COVID-19 within schools and amongst children and young people.
Scrutiny of local services	Support for pupils after the pandemic	Written Report	Elizabeth Fitzpatrick Assistant Director Education and Early Help. Keith Shipman, Head of Education Inclusion	Review the provision for pupils.
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
Scrutiny of the CSF Department	Departmental update report	Written Report	Jane McSherry, Director of Children, Schools and Families	An overview of the key issues within the Children, Schools and Families Department.
Holding the executive to account	Cabinet Member Priorities	Verbal Update	Councillor Eleanor Stringer, Cabinet Member for Children and Education	Overview of key issues of concern for the Cabinet Member.
Performance management	Performance monitoring	Written Report	Karl Mittelstadt, Head of Policy, Planning and Performance	Panel to review the basket of indicators
Setting the work programme	Work programme 2020/21	Written Report	Stella Akintan, Scrutiny Officer	To review the work programme and agree any changes

Meeting date: 12 January 2022 (*Deadline for papers: 12pm 3 January 2022*)

Scrutiny category	Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Standing items	Covid 19 update	Presentation	Dagmar Zeuner, Director of Public Health	To review the impact of COVID-19 within schools and amongst children and young people.
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
Scrutiny of the CSF Department	Departmental update report	Written Report	Jane McSherry, Director of Children, Schools and Families	An overview of the key issues within the Children, Schools and Families Department.
Holding the executive to account	Cabinet Member Priorities	Verbal Update	Councillor Eleanor Stringer, Cabinet Member for Children and Education	Overview of key issues of concern for the Cabinet Member.
Performance management	Performance monitoring	Basket of indicators	Head of Policy, Planning and Performance	To highlight items of concern
Setting the work programme	Work programme 2021/22	Written Report	Stella Akintan, Scrutiny Officer	To review the work programme and agree any changes

Meeting date: 09 February 2022 (**Deadline for papers: 12pm 31 January 2022**)

Scrutiny category	Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Standing item	Covid 19 update	Presentation	Dagmar Zeuner, Director of Public Health	To review the impact of COVID-19 within schools and amongst children and young people.
Scrutiny of local services	Mental health and wellbeing of children and young people	Written Report	Keith Shipman, Head of Education Inclusion	Overview of services to support young people after the pandemic
Holding the executive to account	Home to school travel assistance consultation	Written report	Tom Proctor, Head of Contracts and School Organisation	Pre-decision scrutiny before the findings of the consultation go to Cabinet
Scrutiny of Partners	Merton Safeguarding Children Partnership	Written report	Aileen Buckton, Independent Chair of the MSCP	Review the work of the Partnership.
Scrutiny of the CSF Department	Departmental update report	Written Report	Jane McSherry Director of Children, Schools and Families	An overview of the key issues within the Children, Schools and Families Department.
Performance management	Performance monitoring	Basket of indicators	Head of Policy, Planning and Performance	To highlight items of concern
work programme	Work programme 2021/22	Written Report	Stella Akintan, Scrutiny Officer	To review the work programme and agree any changes

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Meeting date: 15 March 2022 (***Deadline for papers:** 12pm 07 March 2022*)

Scrutiny category	Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Holding the executive to account	Schools Standards Annual Report	Written Report	Elizabeth Fitzpatrick & Head of School Improvement Keith Shipman, Head of Education Inclusion	To scrutinise attainment information
Scrutiny of local services	Apprenticeships	Written Report	Liz Hammond, Interim Head of HR	Overview of the work of the council and partners to support apprenticeships for young people
Scrutiny of Health Services	Childhood Immunisations	Written Report	NHS England	To review the uptake of immunisations amongst children and young people in Merton.
Setting the work programme	Topic suggestions for 2022/23	Written Report	Stella Akintan, Scrutiny Officer	To identify topics for the 2022/23 work programme

Standing items	Covid 19 update	Verbal update	Dagmar Zeuner, Director of Public Health	To review the impact of COVID-19 within schools and amongst children and young people.
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