

Report to:	CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Sharon Davis, Scrutiny Manager.
Date of Meeting:	20 June 2019

SCRUTINY WORKPLAN

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To consider the contents of the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme for the remainder of the calendar year and note the date and time of the workplanning workshop

2.0 Recommendations:

- 2.1 To approve the Committee Workplan, taking into account any suggestions for amendment or addition.
- 2.2 To monitor the implementation of the Committee's recommendations/actions.
- 2.3 To note the date of the Committee's Workplanning Workshop as 25 June at 12.15pm.

3.0 Reasons for recommendations:

- 3.1 To ensure the Workplan is up to date and is an accurate representation of the Committee's work.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? N/A

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is:

- Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience.

5.0 Background Information

5.1 Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee remit

5.1.1 Following the May 2019 Local Elections the Council agreed at its annual meeting to amend the remits of the scrutiny committees. As a result of this the Resilient Communities and Children's Scrutiny Committee has become the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee.

5.1.2 The remit of the Committee is outlined as;

1. To scrutinise the functions and responsibilities of the Council relating to Children's Services.
2. To undertake financial management monitoring of the services that fall under the remit of the Committee including holding relevant budget holders to account.

5.2 Scrutiny Leadership Board

5.2.1 The Council has established a Scrutiny Leadership Board (SLB), Chaired by Councillor Mrs Callow to co-ordinate the scrutiny function at Blackpool and to undertake scrutiny of cross-cutting strategies and plans amongst other things. As a result the Workplan of the Committee will be submitted to the Scrutiny Leadership Board for consideration and requests could be made by the Board to include additional work or make amendments. The Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee are members of the SLB and will provide liaison as appropriate between the Committee and Board.

5.3 Scrutiny Workplan

5.3.1 The Scrutiny Committee Workplan is attached at Appendix 8(a). The Workplan is a flexible document that sets out the work that the Committee will undertake over the course of the year.

5.3.2 Committee Members are invited, either now or in the future, to suggest topics that might be suitable for scrutiny in order that they be added to the Workplan.

5.3.3 A Scrutiny Workplanning Workshop will be held on Tuesday 25 June 2019. As this will be after the first meeting of the Committee the workplan will be updated following the workshop.

5.4 **Scrutiny Review Checklist**

5.4.1 The Scrutiny Review Checklist is attached at Appendix 8(b). The checklist forms part of the mandatory scrutiny procedure for establishing review panels and must therefore be completed and submitted for consideration by the Committee, prior to a topic being approved for scrutiny.

5.5 **Implementation of Recommendations/Actions**

5.5.1 The table attached to Appendix 8(c) has been developed to assist the Committee to effectively ensure that the recommendations made by the Committee are acted upon. The table will be regularly updated and submitted to each Committee meeting.

5.5.2 Members are requested to consider the updates provided in the table and follow up questions as appropriate.

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

5.6 **List of Appendices:**

Appendix 8(a): Children and Young People’s Scrutiny Committee Workplan

Appendix 8(b): Scrutiny Review Checklist

Appendix 8(c): Implementation of Recommendations/Actions

6.0 **Legal considerations:**

6.1 None.

7.0 **Human Resources considerations:**

7.1 None.

8.0 **Equalities considerations:**

8.1 None.

9.0 **Financial considerations:**

9.1 None.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 None.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 None.