

**Report to:** **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**Relevant Officer:** Sharon Davis, Scrutiny Manager.

**Date of Meeting:** 22 April 2021

## COMMITTEE WORKPLAN 2021/2022

### 1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To consider the contents of the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee's Workplan for 2021/2022.

### 2.0 Recommendations:

- 2.1 To approve the Committee Workplan, taking into account any suggestions for amendment or addition.
- 2.2 To note the updated action plan of recommendations resulting from the scrutiny review of the School Response to Covid-19 Pandemic.
- 2.3 To note the updated action plan of recommendations resulting from the scrutiny review of Inclusion in Education.
- 2.4 To monitor the implementation of the Committee's recommendations/actions.

### 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.
- 3.2 Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No
- 3.3 Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? N/A

### 4.0 Other alternative options to be considered:

- 4.1 None.

### 5.0 Council Priority:

- 5.1 The relevant Council Priority is: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience.

## **6.0 Background Information**

### **6.1. Scrutiny Workplan**

A Scrutiny Workplanning Workshop was held on Thursday 2 July 2020 to consider items for inclusion on the Committee's workplan for the 2020/2021 municipal year. The workplan is a flexible document that sets out the work that will be undertaken by the Committee over the course of the year, both through scrutiny review and Committee meetings.

A further Workplanning Workshop will be scheduled to take place following Annual Council and will provide the opportunity to further consider the Committee's workload for the following municipal year and to prioritise areas for scrutiny review. Attached at Appendix 10(a) is a draft of the proposed Workplan for 2021/2022, which will be used as a starting point for further consideration at the Workplanning Workshop.

Committee Members are invited to suggest topics at any time that might be suitable for scrutiny review through completion of the Scrutiny Review Checklist. 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.

### **6.2 Implementation of Recommendations/Actions**

The table attached at Appendix 10(b) has been developed to assist the Committee in effectively ensuring that the recommendations made by the Committee are acted upon. The table will be regularly updated and submitted to each Committee meeting.

Members are requested to consider the updates provided in the table and ask follow up questions as appropriate to ensure that all recommendations are implemented.

### **6.3 School Response to Covid-19 Scrutiny Review**

- 6.3.1 Attached at Appendix 10(c) is the updated agreed Action Plan of Recommendations resulting from the review.

### **6.4 Inclusion in Education Scrutiny Review**

- 6.4.1 Attached at Appendix 10(d) is the updated agreed Action Plan of Recommendations resulting from the review.

### **6.5 Better Start Scrutiny Review**

- 6.5.1 The final meeting of the working group carrying out a review of Blackpool Better Start took place on 19 April 2021. A thorough review of all the data collected and evidence gathered has been undertaken. The formulation of recommendations and the production of a report summarising the working group's findings will now be commenced.

**6.6 Literacy Strategy Consultation**

6.6.1 Two informal meetings have been held in February 2021 and March 2021 with Members of the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee and the Assistant Director of Children's Services – Education to allow consideration of and input into the Council's ten year Literacy Strategy.

6.6.2 Attached at Appendix 10(e) are the notes from the meeting held on 22 March 2021.

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

**7.0 List of Appendices:**

7.1 Appendix 10(a): Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee Draft Workplan  
Appendix 10(b): Implementation of Recommendations/Actions  
Appendix 10(c): School Response to Covid-19 Pandemic Action Plan of Recommendations  
Appendix 10(d): Inclusion in Education Action Plan of Recommendations  
Appendix 10(e): Literacy Strategy Meeting Notes

**8.0 Financial considerations:**

8.1 None.

**9.0 Legal considerations:**

9.1 None.

**10.0 Risk management considerations:**

10.1 None.

**11.0 Equalities considerations:**

11.1 None.

**12.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:**

12.1 None.

**13.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:**

13.1 None.

**14.0 Background papers:**

14.1 None.