

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>
<b>Relevant Officer:</b>	Sharon Davis, Scrutiny Manager.
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	25 January 2024

## SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

### 1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To note the ongoing workplan for the 2023/2024 Municipal Year and consider the update to previous Committee recommendations. To also consider the outcomes of work undertaken outside of the Committee.

### 2.0 Recommendations:

- 2.1 To confirm the workplan for the 2023/2024 Municipal Year.
- 2.2 To monitor the implementation of the Committee's recommendations/actions.
- 2.3 To note the ongoing work of the Committee in regards to visiting the Family Hubs and the meetings held on the new safeguarding arrangements and the Preparation for Adulthood Strategy.

### 3.0 Reasons for recommendations:

- 3.1 To ensure the Workplan is robust and fit for purpose.
- 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? Yes

### 4.0 Other alternative options to be considered:

- 4.1 None.

### 5.0 Council Priority:

- 5.1 The relevant Council Priority is:

- Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience.

## **6.0 Background Information**

### **6.1 Scrutiny Workplan**

The Committee's Scrutiny Workplanning Workshop was held on 18 July 2023 and considered items for inclusion on the Committee's workplan for the 2023/2024 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.

Committee Members are also 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 outside of the workplanning workshop.

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

The table attached at Appendix 10(a) 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. The table also includes the work and recommendations of the 2022/23 Municipal Year.

### **6.3 Visits to Family Hubs**

In November 2023, representatives of the Committee took the opportunity to undertake guided visits to the new North Shore Family Hub. Feedback from the visits was very positive with Members expressing their thanks for the opportunity to see the work of the family hubs in action.

### **6.4 Place-Based Safeguarding Arrangements**

An informal meeting of the Committee was held on 21 November 2023 to receive an update on the transition to Place-Based Safeguarding Arrangements from the previous Pan-Lancashire arrangements. The Committee received an overview of new structure and assurance that plans were in place and work ongoing to ensure the new structure was in place by deadlines.

**6.5 Preparation for Adulthood Strategy**

The Committee met with relevant officers, young people and parent representatives who had been involved in developing the strategy. An overview of the comments made and findings of the Committee is attached at Appendix 10(c) for approval.

6.6 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

**7.0 List of Appendices:**

7.1 Appendix 10(a): Scrutiny workplan  
Appendix 10(b): Implementation of Recommendations/Actions  
Appendix 10(c): Preparing for Adulthood Strategy Meeting

**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 and Children and Young People's 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.