

**Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee**  
**25 March 2021**

**Work Programme**

**Report of the Head of Legal and Governance**

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1 To consider the Committee's work during 2020/21 and its work programme for 2021/22 based on areas of work identified by the Committee at previous meetings and any further suggestions raised at this meeting.

**2. Action required**

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to

- (a) note the Chair's report summarising the work that has been carried out by the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee during 2020/21 and the outcomes of this work; and
- (b) consider whether it wishes to make any further formal recommendations, as suggested in the report, in relation to work already carried out; and
- (c) consider, in the light of work already carried out and potential new topics, what it would like to include in its work programme for the municipal year 2021/22.

**3. Background information**

- 3.1 The purpose of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee is to provide robust scrutiny of issues and services relevant to the wellbeing and safeguarding of children and young people, in the light of recommendations from the Council's Ofsted Inspection April 2014, and the Jay and Casey Reports (Child Sexual Exploitation in Rotherham).
- 3.2 The Committee is responsible for setting and managing its own work programme to fulfil this role.
- 3.3 In setting a programme for scrutiny activity, the Committee should aim for an outcome-focused work programme that has clear priorities and a clear link to its roles and responsibilities. The work programme needs to be flexible so that issues which arise as the year progresses can be considered appropriately.
- 3.4 Where there are a number of potential items that could be scrutinised in a given year, consideration of what represents the highest priority or area of risk will assist with work programme planning. Changes and/or additions to the work programme will need to take account of the resources available to the Committee.
- 3.5 The Chair of the Committee has provided a report which summarises the scrutiny work carried out by the Committee during 2020/21, attached at

Appendix 1. This report also proposes a number of additional recommendations for consideration by the Committee in relation to work already carried out.

- 3.6 A list of items which the Committee may wish to consider for its work programme for the new municipal year 2021/22 is included at Appendix 2. The Chair's report may also inform the discussion about what to include in the work programme for 2021/22.

#### **4. List of attached information**

- 4.1 Appendix 1 – Chair's Report - Summary of the work of the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee 2020/21

Appendix 2 – Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee 2020/21 Work Programme and suggested topics for 2021/22

#### **5. Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information**

- 5.1 None

#### **6. Published documents referred to in compiling this report**

- 6.1 The Children and Young People's Committee Work Programme and Minutes of meetings held in 2020/21 on 30 July, 24 September, 26 November 2020 and 28 January 2021.

#### **7. Wards affected**

- 7.1 All

#### **8. Contact information**

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