

Children and Young People Work Programme 2020/21



This table sets out the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel Work Programme for 2019/20 that was agreed by the Commission at its meeting on 24 June 2020.

This slimmed down work programme has been designed so that it can be regularly reviewed and adjusted during the pandemic. It will be considered at every meeting of the Commission to enable it to respond to issues of concern or to request new 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.

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Meeting date: 30 September 2020 (**Deadline for papers:** 12pm, 22 September 2020)

Scrutiny category	Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Standing items	Covid 19 update	Verbal update	Rachael Wardell, Director of Children, Schools and Families	To include info on school opening status and attendance, including attendance of key worker children and 'vulnerable' children
Holding the executive to account	Harris Academy Wimbledon	Written Report	Tom Procter, Head of Contracts and School Organisation	An update on progress with new school.
Holding the executive to account	Departmental update report	Written report	Rachael Wardell, Director of Children, Schools and Families	An overview of the key issues within the Children, Schools and Families Department.
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: 4 November 2020 (*Deadline for papers: 12pm 27 October 2020*)

Scrutiny category	Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Holding the executive to account	Covid 19 update	Verbal update	Rachael Wardell, Director of Children, Schools and Families	To include access to education for vulnerable children
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
Holding the executive to account	SEND Provision	Written report		
Holding the executive to account	Departmental update report	Annual report	Rachael Wardell, 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
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: 15 January 2021 (*Deadline for papers: 12pm 7 January 2021*)

Scrutiny category	Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Standing items	Covid 19 update	Verbal update	Rachael Wardell, Director of Children, Schools and Families	To include Children's Social Care
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
Holding the executive to account	Corporate Parenting	Annual report	Assistant Director Children's' Social Care and Youth Inclusion	To provide comments on annual report
Holding the executive to account	Departmental update report	Annual report	Rachael Wardell, 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
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: 10 February 2021 (**Deadline for papers: 12pm 2 February 2021**)

Scrutiny category	Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Holding the executive to account	Teacher Recruitment and Retention	Written report		
Health scrutiny	Merton Safeguarding Children Board	Written report		
Holding the executive to account	Departmental update report	Annual report	Rachael Wardell, 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
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: 27 April 2021 (**Deadline for papers: 12pm 19 April 2021**)

Scrutiny category	Item/issue	How	Lead member and/or lead officer	Intended outcomes
Scrutiny Review	Community Hubs / Youth Centres	Written report		
Holding the executive to account	Schools Standards Annual Report	Written report	Rachael Wardell, Director of Children, Schools and Families	To scrutinise attainment information
Holding the executive to account	Departmental update report	Annual report	Rachael Wardell, 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
Setting the work programme	Topic suggestions for 2021/22	Written report	Stella Akintan, Scrutiny Officer	To identify topics for the 2021/22 work programme