CHILDREN AND LIFELONG LEARNING SCRUTINY PANEL

DATE 10th March 2022

REPORT OF Assistant Chief Executive (Statutory Scrutiny Officer)

SUBJECT Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel - Work

Programme

STATUS OPEN

CONTRIBUTION TO OUR AIM

The scrutiny panels act as a reviewing mechanism for decisions made relating to the strategic policy, performance and resources required to deliver the ambitions of the Council and its key partnerships. The aim of the scrutiny process is to make sure decision making is robust by providing constructive challenge. This contributes to the Council being effective and efficient, and therefore it is integral to the delivery of the Council Priorities.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report reflects on the 2021/22 municipal year and the work undertaken by the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel. The panel will also consider, within its terms of reference, suggestions to be included in the 2022/23 work programme.

MATTER(S) FOR CONSIDERATION

1. BACKGROUND AND ISSUES

This report and its appendix summarises the 2021/22 agreed work programme and the panel's timetable of activities to undertake this work.

The panel will also consider any topics it may wish to retain in or add to next year's work programme.

2. RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Any actions which the council may undertake as a result of recommendations made by scrutiny will be the subject of further reports, which will include risk assessment(s) by the author(s) concerned.

3. REPUTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS

The work programme demonstrates the breadth of matters considered by scrutiny

4. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial considerations included within this report.

5. CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no impacts on climate change and the environment as a direct result of this report. Any actions which the council may undertake as a result of recommendations made by scrutiny will be the subject of further reports, which will include climate change and environmental implications by the author(s) concerned.

6. MONITORING COMMENTS

In the opinion of the author, this report does not contain recommended changes to policy or resources (people, finance or physical assets). As a result no monitoring comments have been sought from the Council's Monitoring Officer (Chief Legal Officer), Section 151 Officer (Director of Finance) or Strategic Workforce Lead.

7. WARD IMPLICATIONS

May impact on all wards

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Annual report of scrutiny 2021/22 Panel tracking reports

9. CONTACT OFFICER(S)

Beverly O'Brien - Scrutiny and Committee Advisor

HELEN ISAACS
ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE
(STATUTORY SCRUTINY OFFICER)

SUMMARY WORK PROGRAMME: Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel 2021/22

| Thursday | Thursday | Thursday | Tuesday | Thursday |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| 15 th July | 9 th September | 4 th November | 13 th January | 10 th March |
| 4:30pm | 4:30pm | 4:30pm | 4.30pm | 4:30pm |
| Children's Social Care Improvement update Children & Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel Work Programme 2022/23 Outturn Report 2020/21 | Methodology of Children's Services overspend and comparative figures for the AD Safeguarding and Early Help financial outturn. Children's social Care Statutory Complaints Annual Report 2019/20 Quarter 1 Finance Monitoring 2020/21 SEND Inspection Written Statement of Action – Progress Update. North East Lincolnshire's offer to Care Leavers who attend University | Autism Spectrum Conditions Diagnosis Pathway Council Plan Financial Monitoring Report 2021/22 - Quarter 2 Virtual School Headteacher Annual Report 2021 NEETs Update Elective Home Education School Exclusions | Ofsted Inspection of Children's Services – Draft Action Plan Mental Capacity Act 2005 Financial Monitoring – Services that have received extra resources | Quarter 3 Finance Monitoring Report 2020-21 Family Hub Review (post consultation results) Ofsted Inspection of Children's Services – Improvement Plan update Department for Education Staying Close grant Safeguarding Children's Partnership Annual Report Pupil Placed planning Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel Work Programme – Review 2021/22 and Work Programme 2022/23 |

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS: Tracking - Forward Plan - Public Questions - Questions to Portfolio Holder

WORKSHOPS: Budget, Finance and Commissioning Plan 2022-23 – 2024/25 (informal consultation December 2020 and formal joint scrutiny

Suggested items for 2021/22 carried over (from work programme / tracking/ annual report):

- SEND Inspection written statement of action.
- New approach to the support and specialist assessment for children with additional needs
- Children's Oral Hygiene and Dentistry
- Children's Services Improvement plan
- Local Safeguarding Children's Board Annual Report 2020/21
- Children's Social Care Statutory Complaints Annual Report 2021/22
- Educational Attainment
- Virtual Head Annual Report
- NEETs
- Elective Home Education
- Youth Voice and Influence
- Children's Partnership Annual Report

- School Exclusions
- Contextual safeguarding practice
- Early Help and Prevention Strategy
- Mental Capacity Act 2005