

# **CHILDREN AND LIFELONG LEARNING SCRUTINY PANEL**

<b>DATE</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
<b>REPORT OF</b>	Assistant Chief Executive (Statutory Scrutiny Officer)
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel - Work Programme
<b>STATUS</b>	Open

## **CONTRIBUTION TO OUR AIMS**

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 2022/23 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 2023/24 work programme ahead of confirmation of the work programme at the first meeting of this panel in the new Municipal Year.

## **MATTER(S) FOR CONSIDERATION**

The panel is invited to reflect on the 2022/23 work programme, noting any matters it would like to highlight within the Annual Scrutiny Report, and consider any suggested items for inclusion in next year's work programme.

### **1. BACKGROUND AND ISSUES**

This report and its appendix summarises the 2022/23 agreed work programme and the panel's timetable of activities to undertake this work.

The Annual Scrutiny Report is due to be submitted to the Annual Meeting of Council in May 2023 and will include a summary of the work undertaken by this panel during the current year. If panel members wish to highlight particular work within this report then they are invited to do so.

The panel will also have an early opportunity to 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)**

Paul Windley – Democratic and Scrutiny Team Manager

**HELEN ISAACS**  
**ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE**  
**(STATUTORY SCRUTINY OFFICER)**

## **SUMMARY WORK PROGRAMME: Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel 2022/23**

Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 4:30pm	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 4:30pm	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 4:30pm	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 4.30pm	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 4:30pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children's Social Care Improvement update</li> <li>Children &amp; Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel Work Programme 2022/23</li> <li>Outturn Report 2020/21</li> <li>SEND Update and Green Paper</li> <li>Children's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment</li> <li>Education and Inclusion Strategy 2022-2025.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children's social Care Statutory Complaints Annual Report 2021/22</li> <li>Quarter 1 Finance Monitoring 2022/23</li> <li>Quarter 1 Council Plan Performance (Jo Robinson)</li> <li>Children's Social Care Improvement update</li> <li>Education and Skills update – NEETS, Elective Home Education, School Exclusions, Virtual Headteacher Annual Report 2022 etc.</li> <li>Use and success of the Department for Education's holiday activities and school grant.</li> <li>Review of 16 plus education transport policy.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">INFORMATION ITEMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NEETS update</li> <li>HAF report</li> <li>Virtual Headteacher Annual Report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Financial Monitoring Report 2022/23 - Quarter 2</li> <li>Quarter 2 Council Plan Performance</li> <li>Early Help and Prevention Strategy update</li> <li>Children's Social Care Improvement update</li> <li>Children's Mental Health</li> <li>Youth Justice</li> <li>National review of children attending residential schools. Info via email.</li> <li>Schools exclusions – follow up from last meeting. Send via email.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children's Social Care Improvement update</li> <li>New approach to the support and specialist assessment for children with additional needs (Briefing Paper to be circulated outside formal panel meeting to update members)</li> <li>Children's Safeguarding Update</li> <li>National Review of Children with disabilities and complex health needs placed in residential settings</li> <li>CIN Report</li> <li>Safeguarding Children's Partnership Presentation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quarter 3 Finance Monitoring Report 22-23</li> <li>Quarter 3 Council Plan Performance 2022-23</li> <li>Council Plan Refresh</li> <li>Children's Social Care Improvement update</li> <li>Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel Work Programme – Review 2022/23 and Work Programme 2023/24</li> <li>CAMHS Contract (briefing paper to be circulated to panel members)</li> <li>GCSE data</li> <li>Comparison data around retention of social workers with our statistical neighbours – update as part of Improvement update</li> </ul>

**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 2022 and formal joint scrutiny January 2023)

## **Items/Topics to be carried forward into next year's Work Programme**

- Action from Recruitment and Retention Corporate Parenting Board Workshop:  
That Comparison data around retention of social workers with our statistical neighbours come back to Children's Scrutiny.
- That a progress report on 'Multiply' be provided back to panel – (UK Shared Prosperity Fund)
- Safeguarding Children
  - Update on developments with the safeguarding children's arrangements in North East Lincolnshire (September 2023)
  - Safeguarding Children's Partnership Annual Report – 2022/23 (September 2023)
- North East Lincolnshire Youth Justice Services - Her Majesty's Inspectorate of probation (HMIP) Inspection- That the panel receive a briefing paper to monitor progress in a years' time (November 2023 Panel)
- Youth Voice and Influence – carried over from March panel
- Workshops to be organised in new Municipal Year regarding Children's Social Care Improvement