



**CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & SKILLS
SCRUTINY REVIEW BOARD
25th March 2024**

ITEM 08

Report sponsor: Councillor Emily Lonsdale,
Chair of the Children and Young People
Scrutiny Review Board
Report author: Democratic Services Officer

Work Programme and Topic Review

Purpose

- 1.1 The Children, Young People Scrutiny Review Board will agree a work programme for the 2024/25 municipal year at its meeting 25 March 2024.
- 1.2 The Board agreed that the work programme would be reviewed throughout the municipal year, to be added to and amended as appropriate. The latest version of the draft work programme is attached at Appendix 1.
- 1.3 The remit and terms of reference for the Children and Young People Scrutiny Review Board are included at 4.1 and 4.2 for information.

Recommendations

- 2.1 To ensure that the Board has an opportunity to consider, update and agree the work programme for the 2023/24 municipal year.
- 2.2 To make the Board aware of its terms of reference and the Overview and Scrutiny Rules as set out in the Council's Constitution.2.3
- 2.3 To agree that the planned Topic Review "To examine if the way of managing schools is conducive to childrens' mental health and wellbeing". be deferred to the next Municipal Year 2024/25 for Board members to discuss whether to undertake it.

Reasons

- 3.1 To provide the Board with an opportunity to consider and discuss the work programme for 2023/24 municipal year, to ensure robust performance monitoring and challenge, whilst identifying areas for further investigation

Supporting information

4.1 Remit and Terms of Reference for Overview and Scrutiny Boards

As detailed under Article 6 of the council's constitution, overview and scrutiny boards will:

- review and/or scrutinise decisions made or actions taken in connection with the discharge of any of the Council's functions.
- make reports or recommendations to Council or the Council Cabinet or any joint or Neighbourhood Board/Forum in connection with the discharge of any functions.
- consider any matter affecting the area or its inhabitants.

- consider decisions that have been called-in for reconsideration and decide whether to ask the decision maker to reconsider the decision or to refer it to full Council.
- carry out policy development and review functions as shown in Article 6 of the constitution that they consider to be necessary.
- provide an annual report to full Council on their workings and make recommendations for future work programmes.
- carry out any other statutory duties and responsibilities allocated to local authority scrutiny committees.

4.2 The Terms of Reference for this board covers the following service areas, and fully encompasses the portfolio of the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People:

Children's Quality Assurance

- Specialist Services
- Early Help
- Social Care Fieldwork
- Children's Residential Care

Learning, Inclusion and Skills

- Inclusion and Intervention
- Employment, Skills, and Adult Education

Commissioning and Delivery

- Children's Commissioning, Brokerage and Market Management
- School Organisation and Provision

4.3 This item gives members an opportunity to consider and comment upon the work programme for the 2023/24 municipal year.

4.4 The work programme is not restrictive and board members can identify and introduce items for scrutiny throughout the year. Items for scrutiny will be discussed at pre-meetings with the Chair and Vice Chair and will be added to the Scrutiny Board agenda at the Chair's discretion.

Public/stakeholder engagement

5.1 The Childrens, Young People & Skills Scrutiny Review Board work programme is developed in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair together with colleagues in People Services and Democratic Services at the start of the municipal year. The Board has an opportunity to review and amend the work programme at each meeting.

Other options

6.1 None.

Financial and value for money issues

7.1 None arising directly from this report.

Legal implications

- 8.1 Section 21 (3) of the Local Government Act 2000 requires that the power of an overview and scrutiny committee to review or scrutinise a decision made but not implemented includes power to recommend that the decision be reconsidered by the person who made it.

Climate implications

- 9.1 None arising directly from this report

Other significant implications

- 10.1 Effective scrutiny benefits all Derby people, and the very nature of the Board looks in depth at equality in all its investigations.
- 10.2 Our aim is to work together so that Derby and its people will enjoy a thriving sustainable economy, good health and well-being and an active cultural life. The work of this board contributes to the council's ambitions to give people in Derby 'an inspiring start in life', particularly by improving educational attainment. The work of the Board also aims to support children and young people across the city in getting the most out of their time at school and focus on what actions we can take from birth right through to when they leave education at 18 and beyond, to contribute to the council's ambition for giving people in Derby 'an inspiring work life'.

This report has been approved by the following people:

Role	Name	Date of sign-off
Legal	N/A	
Finance	N/A	
Service Director(s)	N/A	
Report sponsor	N/A	
Other(s)	Councillor Emily Lonsdale – Chair of the Children & Young People Scrutiny Review Board Alex Hough, Head of Democracy	13/03/2024

Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Work Programme

Draft Work Programme 2023/24

Meeting Date	Agenda Items
Monday 19 June 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work Programme 23/24
Monday 4 September 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's NHS Dentistry Update and Recent Dental Service Survey • Children's Mental Health Issues after COVID • Monitoring Safeguarding Practice • Work Programme 23/24
Monday 16 October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holiday Activities and Food Programme update • Targeted Early Help and Family Hubs • Child Related Exploitation • Work Programme 23/24
Monday 11 December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home to School Transport update • Attendance, Suspensions and Exclusions November 2023 • Work Programme 23/24
Monday 12 February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Offending Service - <i>Youth Justice Area</i> • Youth Alliance Update • Work Programme 23/24
Monday 25 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICB/ICP Integrated Care System update for CYP services • School Pupil Health Checks/Childhood Obesity • Education Attainment • Work Programme 23/24

Future Items

SEND EHCP Timeliness
 School Champions Role and Remit
 Signposting of Mental Health Charities & Organisations for Teachers
 Derby & Derbyshire Childrens Safeguarding Partnership
 Home to School Travel Service Update (June 2024)

Topic Review

Examine if way of managing schools is conducive to childrens mental health and wellbeing. There is a pressure on schools and pupils for example pressure on exams. How can the Council support schools.