



**CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY  
REVIEW BOARD  
19 June 2023**

# ITEM 05

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 2023/24 municipal year at its meeting 19 June 2023.
- 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

### 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 Children and Young People 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:**

<b>Role</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Date of sign-off</b>
<b>Legal</b>	N/A	
<b>Finance</b>	N/A	
<b>Service Director(s)</b>	N/A	
<b>Report sponsor</b>	N/A	
<b>Other(s)</b>	Councillor Emily Lonsdale – Chair of the Children & Young People Scrutiny Review Board	
	Alex Hough, Head of Democracy	09/06/2023

<b>Background papers:</b>	None
<b>List of appendices:</b>	Appendix 1 – Work Programme

## Children and Young People Scrutiny Review Board

### Draft Work Programme 2023/24

Meeting	Items	Service Director / Lead Officer
<b>Mon 19.06.23</b> <b>Deadline: 07.06.23</b>	Work Programme and Topic Review <i>Discussion to agree items on the Work Programme and to discuss and agree a Topic Review</i>	All
<b>Mon 04.09.23</b> <b>Theme: Early Help &amp; Childrens Social Care</b> <b>Deadline: 22.08.23</b>	Children's NHS Dentistry Update Recent Dental Service Survey	R Lynch NHS England R Dewis
	Children's Mental Health Issues after COVID <i>Poor socialisation skills, no ability to interact with other children.</i>	GP rep from City/Place
	Monitoring Safeguarding Practice	S Lim
	Work Programme and Topic Review	All
<b>Mon 16.10.23</b> <b>Theme: Early Help &amp; Childrens Social Care - Safeguarding</b> <b>Deadline: 04.10.23</b>	Holiday Activities and Food Programme update	G Nizzer
	Targeted Early Help and Family Hubs	F Colton
	Child Related Exploitation	S Lim
	Derby & Derbyshire Childrens Safeguarding Partnership	S Lim
	Work Programme and Topic Review	All
<b>Mon 11.12.23</b> <b>Theme: Learning, Inclusion &amp; Skills - Schools</b> <b>Deadline 29.11.23</b>	Home to School Transport update	G Nizzer
	Exclusions from School	P Nightingale/ E Wilkinson
	School Attendance and School Refusal Issues <i>What's affecting it, what is being done about it, what are the challenges being faced. Children's anxiety, inactivity, and school refusal issues.</i>	
	School Pupil Health Checks/Childhood Obesity <i>Weight &amp; Height measures are all these checks taking place at the appropriate time</i>	R Dewis / Siobhan Horsley
	Work Programme and Topic Review	All

<b>Mon 12.02.24</b>  <b>Theme:</b>  <b>Early Help &amp; Children's Social Care - Youth Justice Services</b>  <b>Deadline 31.01.24</b>	Youth Offending Service  <i>Youth Justice Area, accessibility of services, and inclusion of young people. Often the first contact with services is custody as earlier access to help missed.</i>	S Lim
	Youth Alliance  <i>Representation from YA to attend and explain focus/activities and work of organisation across Derby City</i>	TBC
	Work Programme and Topic Review	All
<b>Mon 25.03.24</b>  <b>Themes: Children's Commissioning and Delivery – Children's Health Services</b>  <b>Deadline 13.03.24</b>	ICB/ICP Integrated Care System update for children and young peoples services	N Smith
	Young Persons Participation	S Lim
	Work Programme and Topic Review	All
<b>Future topics</b>		
TBC	SEND - EHCP timeliness	P Nightingale/ D Marson
<b>Topic Reviews – for discussion</b>		
Small Focused Review on specific groups of SEND children to analyse the reasons for placement breakdowns for children with an EHCP		Deferred to first meeting of new municipal year for new Board to discuss whether to undertake
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.		
Impact of stress on children		