

Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee 28 January 2020

Work Programme

Recommendation

That the Committee reviews its work programme for 2019/20.

1.0 Background

1.1 This Committee's remit is:

'To review and/or scrutinise the provision of public services in Warwickshire relating to education and skills, services for children and young people including schools, 16-19 years education, pre-school children, child protection, family support and social care, children with specific needs and the youth service.'

2.0 Role of the Committee

2.1 The Council's Constitution sets out the overall purpose of overview and scrutiny which is to 'assist the council to achieve its corporate aims and objectives and deliver positive outcomes for local people.' The general powers of Overview and Scrutiny Committees (Part 2 Section 8) in summary are to:

- (i) Assist the Council and Cabinet in the development of policy;
- (ii) Review/scrutinise decisions already made
- (iii) Make reports/recommendations (usually to the Cabinet)
- (iv) Question Cabinet Portfolio Holders about issues within the Committee's remit.

3.0 Format of the agendas

3.1 The Committee has agreed that each meeting should focus on one or two items in detail as a way of ensuring effective scrutiny. This has meant reducing the number of annual and progress reports, but the information will continue to be circulated as briefing or information items.

3.2 The use of briefing notes, circulated outside of the meeting, has provided a way of answering specific questions raised at meetings and updating members on progress in key areas. Members can also use the information to form a view on whether there are any areas they consider warrant detailed scrutiny and that should be included as an item in the Committee's work programme.

- 3.3 Circulated ahead of this meeting were briefings containing the annual reports of the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub and that relating to Child Exploitation and Missing Children.
- 3.4 As part of the Chair and group spokespersons meeting held on 6 January, it was agreed to add further capacity by introducing pre-committee briefing sessions. These will be arranged as and when required, typically commencing at 9.30am, with the formal committee meeting then starting at 10.30am. The briefing ahead of this meeting was used to demonstrate a new performance dashboard and for a meeting between members of the Committee and social workers.

4.0 Current Work Programme

- 4.1 The work programme has been updated following discussion between the Chair and group spokespersons, held on 6 January. The Committee is invited to consider the attached programme and to suggest items they would like considered for inclusion in the work programme from November onwards.

5.0 Dates of Future Meetings

- 5.1 The date of next meeting of the Committee is 10.00 am on 28 April 2020.

6.0 Background Papers

None

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