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| People Overview Committee 17 November 2021 | <u>Item</u> <u>Public</u> |
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People Overview Committee Work Programme

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1.0 Summary

1.1 This paper presents the People Overview Committee's proposed work programme for the 2021-2022 municipal year.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 Committee members to:

- agree the proposed committee work programme attached as **appendix 1**
- suggest changes to the committee work programme and
- recommend other topics to consider.

3.0 Next steps

3.1 Officers will present a refreshed work programme at each committee meeting. In addition the committee will meet informally between committee meetings to discuss which topics they wish to scrutinise at future meetings.

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| List of background papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information) |
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| Appendices |
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| Overview and scrutiny work programme |
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Appendix 1

Overview and Scrutiny work programme for municipal year 2021-2022

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| Topic | Objectives | Participants | Information required | Date |
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| Responding to the Covid-19 pandemic | Understand how Shropshire Council is responding to the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic, with regard to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• early help• safeguarding• education | Executive Director, Children's Services Portfolio Holder | | 11 Aug 2021 |
| Briefing School Place Planning | Understand how the council forecasts the demand for school places, the funding available to build school capacity, and how it works with schools to increase capacity when required. | Service Manager, Business Support | | 21 Sep 2021 |
| School Place Planning | Scrutinise <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the methodology for planning school places and• the historical, current and planned capacity of primary, secondary and special school places. | Service Manager, Business Support | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Current and planned capacity in primary, secondary and special schools in Shropshire• Comparison with neighbouring local authorities | 29 Sep 2021 |

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| School exclusions | Scrutinise exclusion rates by local authority. | Executive Director, Children's Services Portfolio Holder | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School exclusion policy • School exclusion rates by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ year of exclusion ○ primary/secondary ○ mainstream/SEND • Benchmarking with other local authorities • Commissioning of places in pupil referral units | 17 Nov 2021 |
| Corporate Parenting Panel | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the role and work of the corporate parenting panel. • Scrutinise the panel's work in achieving good outcome for looked-after children. | Assistant Director, Children's Social Care and Safeguarding Portfolio Holder | | 17 Nov 2021 |
| School Rebuilding Programme | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update on the Government's Schools Rebuilding Programme, in relation to funding for schools in Shropshire. | Service Manager, Business Support | | 17 Nov 2021 |
| BRIEFING Stepping Stones | Overview of the Stepping Stones project, which seeks to move looked after children from residential into foster care. | Assistant Director, Children's Social Care and Safeguarding | | 11 Jan 2022 |

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| SEND written statement of action | Scrutinise progress in delivering the outcomes of the SEND written statement of action. | Executive Director, Children's Services Portfolio Holder | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written statement of action Ofsted inspection findings | 19 Jan 2022 |
| Virtual School Head | Overview of the work of the virtual school head for looked after children | Virtual School Head Jo Kelly | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demographic information on current virtual school cohort. | 19 Jan 2022 |
| Stepping Stones | Scrutiny of the Stepping Stones project. Objectives to be determined. | Assistant Director, Children's Social Care and Safeguarding Portfolio Holder | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information required to be determined. | 19 Jan 2022 |
| West Mercia Youth Justice Service | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information required to be determined. | TBA |

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| Youth services | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrutinise implementation of recent review of youth services. • Examine the effectiveness of the changes resulting from the implementation of the review findings. | Executive Director, Children's Services Portfolio Holder | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current youth work capacity and services • Other data to be determined by the committee | 19 Jan 2022 |
| Closing the gap - Pupil attainment | Scrutinise performance in Shropshire in closing the attainment gap of children from deprived backgrounds | Executive Director, Children's Services Portfolio Holder | Pupil attainment, divided by pupil premium, by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key stage 2 • Key stage 4 • GCSE | March 2021 |
| Briefing School admissions | Understand how Shropshire Council determines and administers school admissions, and how it manages appeals to decisions about admissions. | | | March 2022 |

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| Post-16 destinations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyse the outcomes of school leavers. Identify services to support school leavers not continuing into education, employment or training. | Executive Director, Children's Services Portfolio Holder | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educational outcomes for children aged 16 and over Comparison with previous years Benchmarking with other local authorities | March 2022 |

LONG LIST

- TMBSS – Briefing session
- Home to school transport (part of a cross-committee work)
- Home Schooling
- Head teacher briefing