



People Overview Committee 29 September 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.

List of background papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

None

Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)

All

Local Member

All

Appendices

Overview and scrutiny work programme

Appendix 1

Overview and Scrutiny work programme for municipal year 2021-2022

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Topic	Objectives	Participants	Information required	Date
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 	29 Sep 2021
Virtual School Head	Overview of the work of the virtual school head for looked after children	Virtual School Head	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demographic information on current virtual school cohort. 	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel terms of reference • Panel work programme 	17 Nov 2021

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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 	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		January 2022
Stepping Stones	Scrutiny of the Stepping Stones project. Objectives to be determined.	Assistant Director, Children's Social Care and Safeguarding Portfolio Holder	Information required to be determined.	19 Jan 2022
West Mercia Youth Justice Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 		Information required to be determined.	

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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