



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**MUNICIPAL YEAR 2021/22**

**CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**21<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2021**

**CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2021/22**

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES &  
COMMUNICATIONS**

## **1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide members of the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee with the opportunity to agree its Work Programme for the 2021/22 Municipal Year

## **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that Members:-

- 2.1 Review and agree the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee Work Programme for the Municipal Year 2021/22 as attached at Appendix A
- 2.2 Agree that the Work Programme be reviewed at regular intervals to ensure the items identified for inclusion are relevant and that any additional referrals are incorporated.
- 2.3 Consider and determine any other matters that members may wish to scrutinise over this period.

## **3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 It is proposed that Members of the Scrutiny Committee have the opportunity to consider its work programme for the 2021/22 municipal year and that the proposed work programme allows for an element of flexibility and taking into

account any additional consultative documents or legislative matters requiring attention.

#### **4. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 4.1 As Members will recall, the Scrutiny Work Programmes have a reduced number of meetings for this Municipal Year to allow for the work to be timetabled with the best use of resources available. This will allow for a more flexible approach to recognise the needs of emerging priorities and provides opportunity for Scrutiny Working Groups to be taken forward and training provision where requested.
- 4.2 The work programme should reflect the committee's aims and objectives as well as add value to the work of the Council. It is up to the Committee to agree the items for inclusion in its work programme, but ideas are brought together from a number of sources to assist members in their choices. It is important that all Members have the opportunity to put forward items for consideration.
- 4.3 Recently, 1-1 Engagement sessions have been undertaken to provide an opportunity for the respective Cabinet Members, Scrutiny Chairs and Vice Chairs and Scrutiny lead Officers to discuss their respective work programmes, identify any key topics for inclusion and enhance dialogue and the flow of information between Cabinet and Scrutiny.
- 4.4 There are a number of areas which will be revisited in 2021/22 where work commenced during the previous municipal year or where strands of work are ongoing.
- 4.5 Other principles which have been taken into account:
- The work programme represents a mixed selection of topics;
  - It meets deadlines in relation to other Council meetings and those of external partners;
  - Consideration as to whether the topic duplicates review activity which is taking place elsewhere; and
  - Flexibility- to ensure that new topics can be factored in and changes accounted for

#### **5 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 There are no Equality and Diversity implications arising from this report and no Equality Impact Assessment is deemed necessary for the purposes of this report.

#### **6 CONSULTATION**

- 6.1 The considerations and comments of Scrutiny Chairs and Vice-Chairs as well as the relevant cabinet members and lead officers have been sought in respect of the draft Scrutiny Work Programme and it is for Members of Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee to agree the proposed items at this meeting

## **7 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 There are no financial implications as a result of the recommendations set out in the report.

## **8 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED**

- 8.1 There are no legal implications as a result of the recommendations set out in the report.

## **9. LINKS TO CORPORATE AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT**

- 9.1 The proposals to address the WAO report proposals includes arrangements to strengthen the Council's consideration and scrutiny of its work, through 'the lens of the requirements of the Well-being of Future Generations Act'. These arrangements will be embedded into the business of the Council as set out in the Policy Statement agreed by Cabinet on [2 November 2016](#).
- 9.2 The proposals outlined within the report will work to ensure a sustainable and robust scrutiny structure is in place which will effectively challenge policy decisions taken forward.

## **10 CONCLUSION**

- 10.1 The Council is continuing its work to strengthen its scrutiny arrangements and these enhancements support the council in responding to the findings arising from the recent WAO report and will further strengthen governance and accountability arrangements.