

## **SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMMES**

### **Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee**

***'Holding the Executive to account in respect of all three priorities within the Council's Corporate Plan....Economy (Building a strong economy), People (Promoting independence and positive lives for everyone), Place (Creating neighbourhoods where people are proud to live and work).'***

Each of the Council's Scrutiny Committees is responsible for setting and agreeing its own work programme by identifying a list of themes and topics which fall under the remit of each individual Scrutiny Committee. Following discussion with the Chair, Vice Chair and Scrutiny Members a practical, realistic and timetabled programme can then be developed.

The scrutiny forward work programmes should provide a clear rationale as to why particular issues have been selected; be outcome focussed; ensure that the method of scrutiny is best suited to the topic area and the outcome desired; align scrutiny programmes with the council's performance management, self-evaluation and improvement arrangements.

Throughout the year, there are a number of ways in which additional issues can be considered for inclusion in the Scrutiny Work Programme and ideas for inclusion may come from a number of sources such as:-

- Individual Councillors;
- Performance or budget monitoring information;
- Inspection reports;
- Referrals from Council (such as Notices of Motion), Cabinet/Audit or other scrutiny committees;
- Service users;
- Monitoring the implementation of recommendations previously made by the Committee; and
- Local Residents

The Cabinet is also required to produce forward work programmes and the Overview & Scrutiny Committee keeps abreast of forthcoming items or topics which may enable scrutiny to be involved in the development of Council policy prior to its formal consideration by Cabinet. It is important to bear in mind that an element of flexibility is applied to each individual work programme that provides Committees with the capacity to scrutinise new / urgent issues that arise during the year.

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21 <sup>st</sup> July 2021	<b>2021/22 Work Programme</b>	Service Director, Communications & Democratic Services	Cllr J Rosser Cabinet Member Education and Inclusion Service. Cllr C Leyshon Cabinet Member Children's Services		<b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge –</b> For Members to consider the work programme for the 2021/ 2022 Municipal year
	<b>YEPS Service Report (Carried Over from 2020/2021)</b>	Children & Young People's Service Manager	Cllr C Leyshon Cabinet Member Children's Services	<b>Jess Allen , Bedwyn Harries, Zoe Lancelott</b>	Scrutiny & Challenge – For Members to scrutinise the work carried out by the YEPS Service during the Covid 19 pandemic and beyond.
	<b>Director of Social Services Draft Annual Report</b>	Group Director Community and Children's Services Director of Children's Services	Cllr C Leyshon Cabinet Member Children's Service.		Pre – Scrutiny To Scrutinise and make any recommendations to the report before presenting to Cabinet.
	<b>CIW LETTER IN RESPECT OF THE RECENT ASSURANCE CHECKS</b>	Group Director Community and Children's Services  Director of Children's Services.	Cllr C Leyshon Cabinet Member Children's Service.		To receive the letter from Care Inspectorate Wales in respect of the recent inspection. And receive the action plan in September's Meeting of the

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	<b>Summer Term Update in relation to Education's latest position in response to Covid-19</b>	Director of Education and Inclusion Services	Cllr J Rosser Cabinet Member Education and Inclusion Services.	<b>Andrea Richards</b>	To receive and update on the schools position in response to Covid – 19. Members to consider if there is any specific areas to consider further
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021</b>	<b>GATSBY PROJECT REPORT</b>	<b>Director of Education &amp; Inclusion Services</b>	Cllr J Rosser Cabinet Member Education and Inclusion Service	<b>Kate Owen</b>	<i>To receive an update on the Gatsby project and consider any specific areas that need further in depth scrutiny</i>
	<b>School Holiday Enrichment Programme</b>	<b>Director of Education &amp; Inclusion Services</b>	Cllr J Rosser Cabinet Member Education and Inclusion Service	<b>Andrea Richards</b>	<i>To receive an update on SHEP</i>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021</b>	<b>Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW) Report(Outlining themes from CIW Assurance Visit and update on action plans and 16+ inspection )</b>	<b>Director of Children's Services</b>	Cllr C Leyshon Cabinet Member Children's Services		<i>For Members to consider the inspection and agree specific areas to scrutinise throughout the municipal year.</i>

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	<b>Kinship Care Report (N.O.M)</b>	<b>Head of Children Looked After</b>		<b>Cllr Hooper &amp; Cllr J James (Mover and Seconder of the Motion)</b>	<i>To scrutinise the information and consider next Steps</i>
<b>13<sup>th</sup> October 2021</b>	<b>Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service Report (CAMHS)</b>	<b>Service Manger CAMHS, Director of Children's Services , Director of Education &amp; Inclusion Services</b>	Cllr J Rosser Cabinet Member Education and Inclusion Service. Cllr C Leyshon Cabinet Member Children's Services		<b>To consider the work of the CAMHS and consider any areas of the service Members wish to Focus on in depth</b>
<b>13<sup>th</sup> October 2021</b>	<b>Early Years Transformation Programme</b>	<b>Director of Children's Services Director of Public Health, Protection and Community Services</b>	Cllr C Leyshon Cabinet Member Children's Services	<b>Zoe Lancelott</b>	<b>Pre Scrutiny of the Early Years Transformation Programme</b>
<b>13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>WESP Consultation</b>	<b>Director of Education &amp; Inclusion Services</b>	Cllr J Rosser Cabinet Member Education and Inclusion Services Cllr G Hopkins Cabinet Member Welsh Language	<b>Grace Zecca-Hanagan Steffan Gealy</b>	<b>To participate in the public Consultation regarding WESP</b>

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<b>13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Update on Post 16 &amp; Attendance</b>	<b>Director of Education &amp; Inclusion Services</b>	Cllr J Rosser Cabinet Member Education and Inclusion Service	<b>Dan Williams</b>	<i>To receive an update on the Post 16 Audit (Members to inform Audit Committee of their Recommendation)</i>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> December 2021</b>	<b>Children Looked After Prevention Strategy</b>	<b>Director of Children's Services</b>	Cllr C Leyshon Cabinet Member for Children's Services		<i>Scrutiny of the CLA Prevention Strategy</i>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> December 2021</b>	<b>Resilient Families Service</b>	<b>Director of Children's Services Head of Wellbeing &amp; Resilience</b>	Cllr C Leyshon Cabinet Member for Children's Services	<b>Zoe Lancelott</b>	<i>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge – To Scrutinise the work of the Resilient Families Service and consider if there is an area of the Service that needs further scrutiny over the next Municipal Year.</i>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> December 2021</b>	<b>Breakfast Clubs</b>	<b>Director of Education &amp; Inclusion Service</b>	Cllr J Rosser Cabinet Member Education and Inclusion Services	<b>Lisa Gorringe</b>	<i>To receive an overview of breakfast club provision and consider any areas for further Scrutiny</i>

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26 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	CSC Training on the new Evaluation, Improvement and Accountability Framework	Director of Education & Inclusion Services	Cllr J Rosser Cabinet Member Education and Inclusion Services	Clare Seery	Update on the new guidance and changes in statutory regulations for schools and governing bodies caused by the pandemic.
26 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	CSC School Improvement Support	Director of Education & Inclusion Services	Cllr J Rosser Cabinet Member Education and Inclusion Services	Tim Britton Sarah Corcoran Clare Seery Steve Davies Andy Hurley	<i>To receive an overview of CSC moving forward</i>
26 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	FPN Working Group Report	Director of Education & Inclusion Services		Dan Williams Claire Jones	<i>To consider and Approve the report and recommendations of the FPN Working Group</i>
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16 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	School Admissions	Director of Education & Inclusion Services	Cllr J Rosser Cabinet Member Education and Inclusion Services	Catrin Edwards	<i>To acknowledge and consider annual school admissions processes and in year transfers</i>
16 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Childcare Sufficiency Audit	Director of Education & Inclusion Services	Cllr J Rosser Cabinet Member Education and Inclusion Services	Denise Humphries Andrea Richards	<i>Scrutiny of the audit undertaken in line with WG requirements</i>
16 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	School based Counselling	Director of Education & Inclusion Services	Cllr J Rosser Cabinet Member Education and Inclusion Services	Ceri Jones	<i>To scrutinise and comment on provision of school based counselling</i>

**Other Areas for exploration:-**

- Natasha's Law (AR)
- Update on Y1 of implementation of ALNET (CJ) (LJ)
- Update on grant activities re: Whole School Approaches to Emotional and Mental Health Wellbeing / Wellbeing Strategy – perhaps a contribution from SI / CSC about regional developments re: wellbeing and the new curriculum (CJ)
- Period Dignity - Some previous discussion of this with Scrutiny and whether they wanted a report/were going to revisit as a working group instead. Would likely need to be towards the later part of the year in order for us to survey schools/pupils again (DW)
- Advocacy Service
- 16+ Accommodation

**INFORMATION – ANNUAL REPORT –  
Annual Complaints and Complements Report  
Annual Cwm Taf Safeguarding Report  
YOS Annual Report  
Annual Adoption Report**

**On-going Working Groups:**

**- FPN Working Group**

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