

Improving Lives Select Commission – 4 July 2017

Title: Improving Lives Select Commission work programme and prioritisation

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?

No

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report

Assistant Chief Executive

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Ward(s) Affected

All

Summary

This paper provides Members with an outline work programme for 2017/18.

Recommendations:

1. That consideration be given to the prioritised items within the Improving Lives Select Commission's work programme 2017/18 as attached in Para 2.1;
2. That the Commission agrees to undertake a scrutiny review on improving outcomes for looked-after children (LAC) and care leavers.

List of Appendices Included

None

Background Papers

Nil

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

N/A

Council Approval Required

No

Exempt from the Press and Public

No

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1 Recommendations

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2 Background

- 2.1 Members of the Improving Lives Select Committee held an informal work planning session on May 17, 2017 to consider what items to include in the commission's work programme for the 2017/18 municipal year. In doing so, Members gave consideration to the following items which have been prioritised and provisionally scheduled as follows:

Meeting date	Agenda Item	
July 4, 2017	CSE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation of ReachOut Project • Post-abuse support - Focus on recovery. How do we know if services are making a positive difference to CSE survivors? 	Update
July 25, 2017	Domestic Abuse: update CYPS Performance Outturn	Update report
September 12, 2017	CYPS Budget Update - TBC	Update report
October 31, 2017	Local Children's Safeguarding Board Annual Report Scrutiny of the Annual Report Adult Safeguarding Annual Report	Monitoring
December 12, 2017	Home-to-School Transport (TBC)	Update report
January 23, 2018	Missing from Home and Education (tbc)	Spotlight
March 13, 2018	Early Help	Spotlight
April 24, 2018	TBC	

Items to schedule	
LAC sufficiency strategy and related budgetary issues	Update report
SEND sufficiency strategy	Update report
CYPS Workforce development	Update report
Readiness for the Single Inspection framework	Update report
Young carers	(Improving Lives Members to attend Health Select Commission to receive update on Carer's Strategy)
Prevent	initial discussion at OSMB
Performance monitoring reports	Scheduled throughout the year

- 2.2 This informal meeting also recommended that an in-depth scrutiny review be undertaken to improve outcomes for looked after children and care leavers. Subject to the agreement of the Commission, this review will commence early in the municipal year and will report in April 2018. This review will link to the work of the Corporate Parenting Panel to ensure that duplication is avoided.

3 Key Issues

- 3.1 Improving Lives Select Commission previously agreed the use of the '**PAPERS**' tools as a framework for prioritising its scrutiny work programme. This is as follows:

Public Interest: the concerns of local people should influence the issues chosen for scrutiny;

Ability to change: priority should be given to issues that the Committee can realistically influence;

Performance: priority should be given to the areas in which the Council and other agencies are not performing well;

Extent: priority should be given to issues that are relevant to all or large parts of the district;

Replication: work programmes must take account of what else is happening in the areas being considered to avoid duplication or wasted effort;

Statutory responsibility: where an issue is part of a statutory duty to scrutinise or hold to account (or the area under scrutiny is a statutory, high profile responsibility)

- 3.2 On the basis of this framework, this report requests that the Commission endorses the items listed in para 2.1 and para 2.2 for inclusion in the work programme. Once this has been done, work can commence to plan what review work may be undertaken and what papers will be brought to future meetings in accordance with the work programme.
- 3.3 The Commission should be mindful of the timeliness of the matters within its work programme and ensure that it leaves sufficient flexibility within its work programme to undertake any pre-decision scrutiny arising from matters in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions or any items referred to it directly from either the Cabinet or OSMB.

4 Options considered and recommended proposal

- 4.1 Members of the Improving Lives Select Commission have commenced the process of planning a work programme and this paper is submitted to assist the process of finalisation.

5 Consultation

- 5.1 In developing its work programme, the Commission should have regard to input from the Cabinet, Senior Leadership Team, partners and the public who may identify issues which may be relevant to its remit.

6 Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

- 6.1 The Commission is responsible for the preparation and delivery of its own work programme, with support provided by the Scrutiny Team and designated Link Officer from the council's Strategic Leadership Team.

7 Financial and Procurement Implications

7.1 There are no financial or procurement implications arising from this report.

8 Legal Implications

8.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

9 Human Resources Implications

9.1 Members should have regards to the human resources required to undertake the activities within a work programme. In doing so, Members should be mindful of their own commitments as well as the available officer resource to support any activity across the authority.

10 Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

10.1 Good scrutiny is an essential part of providing critical checks and balances to the performance and quality of all aspects of safeguarding. It provides a mechanism to hold the executives and partners to account.

11 Equalities and Human Rights Implications

11.1 In developing a work programme, the Commission should be mindful of the equalities implications of the issues prioritised for scrutiny.

12 Implications for Partners and Other Directorates

12.1 Overview and scrutiny activity will have implications for partners and other directorates. The Commission has been allocated a link officer to with Members to identify possible implications in the planning of its work programme.

13 Risks and Mitigation

13.1 There are no risks directly arising from this report.

14 Accountable Officer(s)

James McLaughlin, Democratic Services Manager and Statutory Scrutiny Manager

Approvals Obtained from:-

Strategic Director of Finance and Corporate Services:- N/A

Assistant Director of Legal Services:- N/A

Head of Procurement (if appropriate):- N/A

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