

Improving Lives Select Commission – 17 July 2018

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 2018/19.

Recommendations:

1. That consideration be given to the prioritised items within the Improving Lives Select Commission's work programme 2018/19 as attached in Para 2.1;
2. That further consideration is given to the items listed in Para 2.2 and determines which of those items should be priorities for the work programme.
3. That updates are provided to each meeting of Improving Lives on the progress of the work programme and for further prioritisation as required.

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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2 Background

- 2.1 Members of the Improving Lives Select Committee held an informal work planning session on June 5, 2018 to consider what items to include in the commission's work programme for the 2018/19 municipal year. In doing so, Members gave consideration to the following items which have been prioritised or referred from the previous year's work programme which has been provisionally scheduled as follows:

Meeting Date	Agenda Item
5 June 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evaluation Report: Barnardo's Reach Out Service• CSE Post Abuse Services Update• CYPS Edge of Care Provision
17 July 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Domestic Abuse Update• Children and Social Work Act 2017• Children & Young People's Services (CYPS) 2017/2018 Year End Performance Report
18 September 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children Missing from Education/Home/Care• SEND sufficiency
30 October 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rotherham Local Safeguarding Children Board - Annual Report 2017-18• Rotherham Adult Safeguarding Board 2017-18 Annual Report (TBC)
4 December 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CYPS Transformation and innovation projects (update)• Education Performance Outturn (un-validated data) (TBC)
15 January 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Voice of the Child Lifestyle Survey• CSE Post abuse and Barnardos Reachout (TBC) – (requested from 5 June, 2018)
5 March 2019	<i>Agenda to be determined</i>

16 April 2019	<i>Agenda to be determined</i>
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2.2 Items to schedule

There are a number of items identified by Members for further scheduling and prioritisation. These are listed below. Members' views are sought on which items should be prioritised for inclusion in the work programme.

OFSTED recommendations – progress	Referral from previous work programme
LAC sufficiency strategy and related budgetary issues	Referral from previous work programme
Prevent	Request from Members
Rotherham 'family approach'	Suggestion from Link Officer
Demand management across children's services	Referral from previous work programme
Early Help (pre-decision scrutiny)	Request from Members
Inclusive education	Request from Members
'Prevent'	Referral from previous work programme
Complaints	Referred by OSMB
Child poverty and the impact of the roll out of universal credit	Suggested item
Child-friendly Rotherham	Referral from previous work programme

2.3 Performance monitoring

Members should note that a dedicated sub-group has been set up to consider performance monitoring information which is to be chaired by Cllr Amy Brookes. This will meet on a quarterly basis and performance matters arising from the sub-group will feed into the work programme for further consideration and review.

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 for inclusion in the work programme and gives further consideration to the items list in Para 2.2. 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, service users 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 work 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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