
Improving Lives Select Commission – 29 October 2019

Title: Update - Improving Lives Select Commission work programme 2019/20

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

No

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report

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Ward(s) Affected

All

Summary

- 1.1 Improving Lives Select Commission agreed its work programme at its meeting of 9 July 2019 and asked that regular updates be provided to the Commission.
- 1.2 Appendix 1 has a summary of work to date and progress against agreed tasks. Work undertaken since the previous meeting includes:
 - A sub-group has been set up to scrutinise steps to address persistent absence in schools (November 12th, 2019).
 - Scrutiny Review - Holiday Hunger – Initial discussions have taken place with the Chair and Vice-Chair, Cabinet Member for Cleaner Greener Communities and officers on an initial scope and methodology which will be circulated for comment and amendment. Work will commence shortly.
- 1.3 The work programme has been developed following a work planning session held on June 18, 2019 and has been informed by discussions with the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services; the Strategic Director and Link Officer.
- 1.4 Improving Lives Select Commission has prioritised its work programme with reference to the '**PAPERS**' framework. This is as follows:

Public Interest: the concerns of local people should influence the issues chosen for scrutiny (including reference to equality duties);

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 including reference to equality duties)

- 1.5 The Commission should be mindful of the timeliness of the matters within its work programme and ensure that it leaves sufficient flexibility to undertake any pre-decision scrutiny arising from matters in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions or be able to reprioritise should any items be referred to it from the Cabinet, OSMB or other sources.

Recommendations:

1. That Members consider the work programme as outlined in Appendix 1;
2. 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

Appendix 1: Work programme Improving Lives Select Commission

Background Papers

Minute 18: Improving Lives Select Commission 9 July, 2019

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

No

Council Approval Required

No

Exempt from the Press and Public

No