

Children and Young People’s Scrutiny Panel

Work Plan 2018 - 20

1. Scrutiny review projects; These are dealt with through a combination of specific evidence gathering meetings that will be arranged as and when required and other activities, such as visits. Should there not be sufficient capacity to cover all of these issues through in-depth pieces of work, they could instead be addressed through a “one-off” item at a scheduled meeting of the Panel. These issues will be subject to further development and scoping. It is proposed that the Committee consider issues that are “cross cutting” in nature for review by itself i.e. ones that cover the terms of reference of more than one of the panels.

Project	Comments	Priority
Special Educational Needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEND children are growing in numbers. They can often find difficulty in accessing services due to stretched Council budgets or lack of clarity on how parents can access services; • Families can find it a struggle to obtain a formal diagnosis for their children, which is often a prerequisite in getting extra support at school and/or at home; • Some groups of SEND children have an increased risk of exclusion from school and there can also be poor outcomes in the classroom, which can have a detrimental impact on families struggling to cope; • Early intervention, including diagnosis, is key in order to put relevant support measures in place so that children with SEND can have fulfilling lives with good educational outcomes. <p>The review will examine and review the role and the effectiveness of the current service children with Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) issues and autism receive. It will aim to establish;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking in particular at their interaction with the Council and schools, what are the experiences of parents with SEMH and autistic children in trying to access support for their children? • What are the waiting times for parents requesting an assessment, obtaining a diagnosis and 	1.

	<p>receiving the extra support required?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the outcomes of children with SEMH and autism in relation to their diagnoses? • As local authorities move away from statements to Education Health and Care (EHC) plans, what are the challenges parents face in obtaining EHC plans? How many children currently have a statement or EHC plan and how many apply for it? What are the rejection rates of children trying to obtain an EHC plan and what are the reasons? 	
<p>Fragmentation of school structures</p>	<p>There are now a range of different types of school within the borough, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community schools; • Foundation schools and voluntary schools; • Academies; • Free schools; and • Faith schools. <p>The resulting fragmentation presents challenges for local authorities. These include ensuring that all schools are providing a good standard of education and the planning and co-ordination of school places. In addition, schools are subject to varying degrees of local democratic control.</p> <p>The review will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek to identify the different categories of school that there are within Haringey and their characteristics as well as the diversity of curriculum and ethos offered by individual schools; • Consider the ways that might be available to the Council to influence schools within the borough and, in particular, facilitate school improvement and co-ordination of school places most effectively; and • Look at practice in other local authority areas and what appears to have been most effective. <p>The review will then focus on how the Council might best respond strategically to the significant surplus in school reception places that there is within Haringey. These have serious budgetary implications for many primary schools due to the way in which schools are funded. Demand for school places is subject to fluctuation and there will also be a need for sufficient places to be available</p>	

	<p>to accommodate future any increases in demand for places. As part of this, the review will consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role the Council has in working with schools to manage effectively the reductions in school rolls; • How a balanced range of school provision across the borough might best be maintained; and • What could be done to mitigate financial pressures on schools and ensure that any adverse effects on schools are minimised 	
Alternative Provision	<p>The review will look at Alternative Provision (AP) services provided to students who no longer attend mainstream education for reasons such as exclusion, behavioural issues, school refusal, short/long term illnesses as well as any other reasons. The main areas of focus will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the reasons why children in Haringey enter AP? • Once entering alternative provision, what are their outcomes and attainment levels when compared to mainstream schools? • How many children going through the AP route later enter the youth justice system? • How many children enter alternative provision as a result of SEND needs and how many have a statement or a EHCP plan? • The demographics of children entering AP including ethnicity, gender, areas of the borough where children in AP are drawn from and levels of children receiving free school meals prior to entering AP; • What are the challenges schools and local authorities face and what can we do better to meet the needs of children so as to avoid AP altogether? • Are the outcomes from AP providers uniform within Haringey? • How cost effective is AP. 	

2. **“One-off” Items; These** will be dealt with at scheduled meetings of the Panel. The following are suggestions for when particular items may be scheduled.

Date	Potential Items
2018-19	
6 September 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terms of Reference • Service Overview and Performance Update • Cabinet Member Questions; Children and Families and Communities (to cover areas within the Panel’s terms of reference that are within their portfolios). • Work Planning; To agree items for the work plan for the Panel for this year.
8 November 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet Member Questions – Children and Families. • New Safeguarding Arrangements. • Financial Monitoring; To receive an update on the financial performance relating to Corporate Plan Priority 1. • Joint Targeted Area Action Plan – Update.
18 December 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Scrutiny • Cabinet Member Questions – Communities

<p>4 February 2019</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational Attainment Performance; To report on educational attainment and performance for different groups, including children with SENDs. Data on performance broken down into different groups, including children with SENDs, as well as ethnicity, age, household income etc. To include reference to any under achieving groups. • School Exclusions; To consider an overview of current action to address school exclusions and, in particular, the outcome of the detailed analysis of fixed term exclusions. • Chair of LSCB & Annual Report. • Review on Support to Children from Refugee Families (N.B. including NRPF): Update on Implementation of Recommendations
<p>19 March 2019</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition (to be jointly considered with the Adults and Health Panel). • Cabinet Member Questions – Children and Families • Ofsted Inspection – Action Plan • Services to Schools • Review on Child Friendly Haringey: Update on Implementation of Recommendations
<p>2019 - 2020</p>	
<p>13 June 2019</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terms of Reference

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work Planning; To agree items for the work plan for the Panel for year. • Cabinet Member Questions – Communities • Youth Services • Review on Restorative Justice: Update on Implementation of Recommendations • Apprenticeships
19 September 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet Member Questions – Children and Families • Alternative Provision • Financial Monitoring • Multi Agency Safeguarding Arrangements • The Role of the LADO • Independent Reviewing Officer (Annual Report) • OFSTED Action Plan – Progress
7 November 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet Member Questions – Communities • Childhood Obesity

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health services for teenagers and young people (CAMHS) • Educational Attainment Performance; To report on educational attainment and performance for different groups, including children with SENDs. Data on performance broken down into different groups, including children with SENDs, as well as ethnicity, age, household income etc. To include reference to any under achieving groups. • School improvement and action to address under performance by particular groups of students.
19 December 2019 (Budget Meeting)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget scrutiny • Cabinet Member Questions – Children and Families • Support to Children from Refugee Families – Update on implementation of recommendations of scrutiny review
2 March 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play and leisure • Chair of LSCB & Annual Report • Unregistered schools • Home schooling and safeguarding • Unregulated care homes • Haringey Community Gold – Progress Report

11 March 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transitions (Joint meeting with Adults and Health Panel)
2020-21	
15 June 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terms of Reference • Work Planning; To agree items for the work plan for the Panel for year • School estates and action being taken to address maintenance issues • Nurseries and the two and three year old offer • Cabinet Member Questions - Communities

TBA:

1. School exclusions data

2. NRPF:

- Progress with implementing improvements identified as required by the practice audit undertaken on the work of the NRPF team in 2017; be submitted to a future Panel meeting; and
- How families with NRPF are assisted in accessing good quality immigration advice so that they are better able to resolve their status quickly.