

Children and Young People’s Scrutiny Panel

Work Plan 2020 - 21

<p>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.</p>		
Project	Comments	Priority
Schools	<p>There are now a range of different types of school within the borough. These include:</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; 	In progress

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 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; 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	
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<p>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.</p>	
Date	Potential Items
2020-21	
17 September 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School estates and action being taken to address maintenance issues • Recovery plan for education within the borough, including action being taken to enable children and young people to catch up on missed schooling and targeted action for disadvantaged communities • Cabinet Member Questions - Communities • Work Planning; To agree items for the work plan for the Panel for year
9 November 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terms of Reference • Cabinet Member Questions – Children and Families

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Safeguarding Children’s Board Annual Report (April 2018 – September 2019) • Education Update, including the impact of Covid pandemic on tests and examinations, lost learning and action to address digital poverty
14 December 2020 (Budget Meeting)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget scrutiny • Scrutiny Review of SEND – Update on Implementation of Recommendations • Cabinet Member Questions - Communities
8 March 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet Member Questions – Children and Families • Effectiveness of new partnership arrangements for safeguarding – interim report. • Nurseries and the Two and Three Year Old Offer • Haringey Community Gold – Evaluation and Further Update • CAMHS – Evaluation of Trailblazer Project
To be carried forward	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. School exclusions data 2. NRPF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress with implementing improvements identified as required by the practice audit undertaken on the work of the NRPF team in 2017; and

- How families with NRPF are assisted in accessing good quality immigration advice so that they are better able to resolve their status quickly.

3. Transitions – Further Update (to be considered jointly with the Adults and Health Panel)

4. Childhood Obesity - School Catering Contracts

5. Improved support offer for care leavers and pathways for low level mental health support services for children and young people

6. Social workers in schools – update on progress with scheme

7. Planned major works to maintained schools.