

Children and Young People’s Scrutiny Panel

Work Plan 2021 - 22

<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 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 effectively manage 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 	
Child Poverty	Scope and terms of reference to be determined.	

<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
2021-22	

<p>20 July 2021</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terms of Reference • Work Planning; To agree items for the work plan for the Panel for the forthcoming year • Cabinet Member Questions – Cabinet Member for Children, Education and Families • Covid; Impact on children and young people • Youth Services
<p>23 September 2021</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Monitoring • Annual Youth Justice Plan • Missing Children • Support to Refugee Afghan Children
<p>18 November 2021</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet Member Questions – Cabinet Member for Children, Education and Families • Children’s Social Care; Annual Report • Whittington Health Estates and Services Reconfiguration – Implementation • SEND Inspection

4 January 2022 (Budget Meeting)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Budget scrutiny• Haringey Children’s Safeguarding Partnership – Annual Report• Youth Justice Thematic Inspection Report Findings
7 March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cabinet Member Questions – Cabinet Member for Children, Education and Families• Engagement with Young People• SEND Inspection & Strategy• Mental Health and Well-Being

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SEND Transport

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