

## **CHILDREN AND LIFELONG LEARNING SCRUTINY PANEL**

<b>DATE</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
<b>REPORT OF</b>	Assistant Chief Executive (Statutory Scrutiny Officer)
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel - Work Programme
<b>STATUS</b>	Open

### **CONTRIBUTION TO OUR AIMS**

The scrutiny panels act as a reviewing mechanism for decisions made relating to the strategic policy, performance and resources required to deliver the ambitions of the Council and its key partnerships. The aim of the scrutiny process is to make sure decision making is robust by providing constructive challenge. This contributes to the Council being effective and efficient, and therefore it is integral to the delivery of the Council Priorities.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report reflects on the 2023/24 municipal year and the work undertaken by the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel. The panel will also consider, within its terms of reference, suggestions to be included in the 2023/24 work programme ahead of confirmation of the work programme at the first meeting of this panel in the new Municipal Year.

### **MATTER(S) FOR CONSIDERATION**

The panel is invited to reflect on the 2023/24 work programme, noting any matters it would like to highlight within the Annual Scrutiny Report, and consider any suggested items for inclusion in next year's work programme.

#### **1. BACKGROUND AND ISSUES**

This report and its appendix summarises the 2023/24 agreed work programme and the panel's timetable of activities to undertake this work.

The Annual Scrutiny Report is due to be submitted to the Annual Meeting of Council in May 2023 and will include a summary of the work undertaken by this panel during the current year. If panel members wish to highlight particular work within this report then they are invited to do so.

The panel will also have an early opportunity to consider any topics it may wish to retain in or add to next year's work programme.

#### **2. RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

Any actions which the council may undertake as a result of recommendations made by scrutiny will be the subject of further reports, which will include risk assessment(s) by the author(s) concerned.

#### **3. REPUTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS**

The work programme demonstrates the breadth of matters considered by scrutiny

#### **4. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

There are no financial considerations included within this report.

#### **5. CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no impacts on climate change and the environment as a direct result of this report. Any actions which the council may undertake as a result of recommendations made by scrutiny will be the subject of further reports, which will include climate change and environmental implications by the author(s) concerned.

#### **6. MONITORING COMMENTS**

In the opinion of the author, this report does not contain recommended changes to policy or resources (people, finance or physical assets). As a result no monitoring comments have been sought from the Council's Monitoring Officer (Chief Legal Officer), Section 151 Officer (Director of Finance) or Strategic Workforce Lead.

#### **7. WARD IMPLICATIONS**

May impact on all wards

#### **8. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Annual report of scrutiny 2021/22  
Panel tracking reports

#### **9. CONTACT OFFICER(S)**

Paul Windley – Democratic and Scrutiny Team Manager

**HELEN ISAACS**  
**ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE**  
**(STATUTORY SCRUTINY OFFICER)**

## SUMMARY WORK PROGRAMME: Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel 2023/24

Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 4:30pm	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> September 4:30pm	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 4.30pm Special	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November 4:30pm	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 4.30pm	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 4:30pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2022/23 Quarter 4 Council Plan Performance Report</li> <li>• 2022/23 Provisional Financial Outturn Report</li> <li>• Work Programme 2023/24</li> <li>• Improvement Update</li> <li>• Update on developments with the safeguarding children's arrangements in NELC (including Safeguarding Children's Partnership Annual Report – 2022/23)</li> <li>• Children's education and Social care out of area figures-</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quarter 1 Finance Monitoring 2023/24 and Council Plan Performance Report</li> <li>• Improvement Update</li> <li>• Family Hubs</li> <li>• Corporate Parenting Strategy Cover Report</li> <li>• Team around the family approach</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nursery Provision</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quarter 2 Finance Monitoring 2023/24 and Council Plan Performance Report</li> <li>• Improvement Update</li> <li>• Ofsted monitoring visit update</li> <li>• SEND</li> <li>• Nursery Provision update</li> <li>• Work programme 6 month review</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improvement Update</li> <li>• Front Door Update</li> <li>• National Wraparound Childcare Programme</li> <li>• Progress of specialist Free School</li> <li>• Autism/Neurodiversity</li> <li>• Nursery provision update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quarter 3 Finance Monitoring 2023/23 and Council Plan Performance Report</li> <li>• Scrutiny Panel Work Programme – Review 2023/24 and Work Programme 2023/24</li> <li>• Special Educational Needs, Disability and Alternative Provision (SENDAP) Strategy</li> <li>• SENDAP Sufficiency Strategy</li> <li>• SENDAP Joint Commissioning Strategy</li> <li>• Nursery Provision update</li> <li>• Children Services Improvement Journey</li> </ul>

**STANDING AGENDA ITEMS:** Tracking – Forward Plan – Public Questions – Questions to Portfolio Holder – Children Services Improvement Journey – Maintained Nurseries and Daycare Provisions

**WORKSHOPS:**

**ITEMS CARRIED OVER FROM PREVIOUS WORK PROGRAMME:**

**BRIEFING PAPERS:**

- Progress report on 'Multiply' be provided back to panel – (UK Shared Prosperity Fund)
- North East Lincolnshire Youth Justice Services - Her Majesty's Inspectorate of probation (HMIP) Inspection- That the panel receive a briefing paper to monitor progress in a years' time

**FURTHER TOPICS:**

- Youth Voice and Influence
- ~~4 Targeted Workshops (1 every quarter) to be organised in new Municipal Year (Fostering Service & the Commissioning Service)~~
- Overseas Social Workers/Social Worker Academy – update to be provided via the standing agenda item on children's social care improvement
- ~~Early Years Strategy (dependent on outcome of joint workshop below)~~

**WORKSHOPS:**

- ~~Joint Workshop with Health on Whole family approach which contributes to the early help and prevention agenda – Happy with report that came to panel. No need for joint workshop. Health scrutiny informed and received same reports.~~
- ~~Budgets – to be held in September prior to the Panel and consideration of Q1 Finance Report (so that members understand context behind)~~

**JOINT WORK:**

- Potential joint work on anti-social behaviour with Communities Scrutiny. Specifically, use of vapes.
- ~~Joint workshop with Economy Scrutiny Panel for review of Skills Strategy – Feb 2024~~

**Champions for Childrens Homes – \*Nominations from Childrens Scrutiny and CPB Members only if interested in this role\***

**ITEMS IDENTIFIED FOR WORK PROGRAMME 2024/25:**

- Youth Voice and Influence
- Overseas Social Workers/Social Worker Academy
- Early Years Strategy
- Progress of the SEND specialist free school (July 2024)