

Report of the Chair of Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to the meeting of the Committee to be held on Wednesday 26 July 2017

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Subject: Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee Draft Work Programme 2017-18

Summary statement:

This report presents the Committee's draft Work Programme 2017-18

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1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report presents the Committee's draft Work Programme 2017-18.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Each Overview and Scrutiny Committee is required by the Constitution of the Council to prepare a work programme (Part 3E – Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, Para 1.1).

3. REPORT ISSUES

- 3.1 **Appendix 1** of this report presents the draft Work Programme 2017-18. It lists issues and topics that have been carried forward from the 2015-16 Municipal Year.

3.2 Work planning cycle

Best practice published by the Centre for Public Scrutiny suggests that 'work programming should be a continuous process'. It is important to regularly review work programmes so that important or urgent issues that come up during the year are able to be scrutinised. In addition, at a time of limited resources, it should also be possible to remove projects which have become less relevant or timely. For this reason, it is proposed that the Committee's work programme be regularly reviewed by Members throughout the municipal year.

Members may wish to amend the current work programme (Appendix 1) and / or comment on the proposed work planning cycle set out above.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

None

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

None

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

None

7. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 That the Work Programme 2017-18 continues to be regularly reviewed during the year.

9. APPENDICES

- 9.1 Appendix 1 – Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee draft Work Programme 2017-18