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To: Members of Improvement and Scrutiny Committee - People

Monday, 25 April 2022

Dear Councillor,

Please attend a meeting of the **Improvement and Scrutiny Committee - People** to be held at **2.00 pm** on **Wednesday, 4 May 2022** in County Hall, Matlock, DE4 3AG, the agenda for which is set out below.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Helen E. Barrington'.

Helen Barrington
Director of Legal and Democratic Services

A G E N D A

PART I - NON-EXEMPT ITEMS

1. Apologies for absence
To receive apologies for absence (if any)
2. Declarations of Interest
To receive declarations of interest (if any)
3. Minutes (Pages 1 - 4)
To confirm the non-exempt minutes of the meeting of the Improvement and

Scrutiny Committee – People held on 9 March 2022.

4. Public Questions (30 minute maximum in total) (Pages 5 - 6)

(Questions may be submitted to be answered by the Scrutiny Committee, or Council officers who are attending the meeting as witnesses, on any item that is within the scope of the Committee. Please see the procedure for the submission of questions at the end of this agenda)

5. The Early Help Transition Team - Future Model of Delivery Work Programme

6. Draft Work Programme 2022/23 (Pages 7 - 14)

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MINUTES of a meeting of **IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - PEOPLE** held on Wednesday, 9 March 2022 at Council Chamber, County Hall, Matlock, DE4 3AG.

PRESENT

Councillor T Kemp (in the Chair)

Councillors S Burfoot, C Dale, R George, D Muller, P Rose, S Swann, D Taylor and J Woolley.

Also in attendance was Councillor J Patten and C Cammiss.

Apologies for absence were submitted for Councillor A Griffiths and J Wharmby.

4/22 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 10 January 2022 be confirmed as a correct record.

5/22 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

6/22 STRATEGIC DIRECTION FOR CHILDRENS SERVICES - CONVERSATION WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR CHILDRENS SERVICES

Carol Cammiss Executive Director Children's Services gave a presentation to the Committee that outlined observations, early thinking about the Strategy as well as next steps with a timeline of activities.

The Committee were informed of the strengths to build on which included the encouraging support from Members for the children's agenda and the need to drive change, transformation and continuous improvement. A list of themes with emerging opportunity areas had been compiled. Actions had then been identified to realise the opportunities.

There had been a progress update on the Children's Services Strategy with a list of subject topics. The strategy would help Children's Services respond to a list of drivers and tackle complex challenges. The first published version of the Strategy would be completed within the next four weeks. With the Strategy launch planned for early September.

The High Level Timeline for the period January 2022 – December 2023 had been outlined within the presentation.

The Committee were interested to learn more about SEND and the youth service. It was expected that there would be a full SEND inspection next year. It had been understood that there was work in transition. The department were currently gathering SEND data and would be in a better position to give an update later in the year as well as information on the youth service. There was a suggestion that an Early Intervention Prevention Strategy may be written. SEND would be a two year programme of work and a review would take place between April – July and an update would be brought back to the Committee at the September meeting.

The Committee had questioned the number of children going into care. It had been explained that there was a national increase of 25% in the last 24 months and a lot more work was being done in prevention. Work was being commissioned on the subject of how to support those on the edge of the care systems, working with families and foster carers.

The department were working on a Early Help Transition Service Strategy that should be ready for May. As well as this, care leavers were in one of the top five priorities after the service was brought back in house. The Chairman had requested that the department report back to the Committee with how the service was going on an ongoing basis. A working group was proposed to establish a performance dashboard to assist the Committee in monitoring service delivery.

7/22 OFSTED FRAMEWORK AND INSPECTION ACTIVITY

Carol Cammiss Executive Director Children's Services gave a presentation to the Committee that outlined the Ofsted Framework and Inspection Activity.

There was no written statement of action for the SEND AREA Inspection in November 2016, some strengths and areas for improvement had been identified. The ILACS Graded Inspection July 2019 graded DCC as Requires Improvement in three areas and Good for Impact of leaders. The ILACS focused visit in October 2021 for leaving care gave the feedback 'Visible, tangible and sustained improvements and many strengths in practice identified'. There were two specific areas for development (consistent review of pathway plans; tracking of actions from safety panel).

The areas of progress since the ILACS 2019 had been outlined within the presentation. As well as the expected future inspection activity. The Committee would be provided with an update as requested on the SEND strategy in September. The Chair asked about the quality of the school buildings and it was suggested that this topic should be added to the draft work programme.

8/22 WORK PROGRAMME

An opportunity was given to Committee members to make suggestions for the work programme. A suggestion had been made to review the learning disability consultation and where it was leading. It was suggested that this topic be added to the draft work programme for consideration (a review had not been confirmed at this stage).

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Procedure for Public Questions at Improvement and Scrutiny Committee meetings

Members of the public who are on the Derbyshire County Council register of electors, or are Derbyshire County Council tax payers or non-domestic tax payers, may ask questions of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committees, or witnesses who are attending the meeting of the Committee. The maximum period of time for questions by the public at a Committee meeting shall be 30 minutes in total.

Order of Questions

Questions will be asked in the order they were received in accordance with the Notice of Questions requirements, except that the Chairman may group together similar questions.

Notice of Questions

A question may only be asked if notice has been given by delivering it in writing or by email to the Director of Legal Services no later than 12noon three working days before the Committee meeting (i.e. 12 noon on a Wednesday when the Committee meets on the following Monday). The notice must give the name and address of the questioner and the name of the person to whom the question is to be put.

Questions may be emailed to democratic.services@derbyshire.gov.uk

Number of Questions

At any one meeting no person may submit more than one question, and no more than one such question may be asked on behalf of one organisation about a single topic.

Scope of Questions

The Director of Legal Services may reject a question if it:

- Exceeds 200 words in length;
- is not about a matter for which the Committee has a responsibility, or does not affect Derbyshire;
- is defamatory, frivolous or offensive;
- is substantially the same as a question which has been put at a meeting of the Committee in the past six months; or
- requires the disclosure of confidential or exempt information.

Submitting Questions at the Meeting

Questions received by the deadline (see **Notice of Question** section above) will be shared with the respondent with the request for a written response to be provided by 5pm on the last working day before the meeting (i.e. 5pm on Friday before the meeting on Monday). A schedule of questions and responses will be produced and made available 30 minutes prior to the meeting (from Democratic Services Officers in the meeting room). It will not be necessary for the questions and responses to be read out at the meeting, however, the Chairman will refer to the questions and responses and invite each questioner to put forward a supplementary question.

Supplementary Question

Anyone who has put a question to the meeting may also put one supplementary question without notice to the person who has replied to his/her original question. A supplementary question must arise directly out of the original question or the reply. The Chairman may reject a supplementary question on any of the grounds detailed in the **Scope of Questions** section above.

Written Answers

The time allocated for questions by the public at each meeting will be 30 minutes. This period may be extended at the discretion of the Chairman. Any questions not answered at the end of the time allocated for questions by the public will be answered in writing. Any question that cannot be dealt with during public question time because of the non-attendance of the person to whom it was to be put, will be dealt with by a written answer.



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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - PEOPLE

WEDNESDAY, 4 MAY 2022

Report of the Director - Legal and Democratic Services

Draft Work Programme 2022/23

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To consider the draft work programme for 2022/23 and to invite Members to propose additional items to be considered for inclusion.

2. Information and Analysis

- 2.1 It is considered good practice that each Scrutiny Committee develops and agrees an annual work programme. The identification of relevant topics and their allocation to a specific meeting date, focuses the work of the Committee and promotes transparency.
- 2.2 Scrutiny work programmes are best viewed as flexible documents. The timescales are indicative of when each issue will be considered by the Committee. Throughout the year timings may change and new issues may emerge. For example, new items may be identified from the Council's Forward Plan.
- 2.3 A draft work programme for 2022/23 is given at Appendix two and Members are invited to propose additional items to be considered for inclusion.
- 2.4 When identifying issues for the work programme Members are advised to consider:

- Whether the issue falls within the remit of the Committee
- How the issue aligns with the Council Plan priorities
- Whether the issue is in the public interest
- If there has been a change to National Policy and how this will affect people in Derbyshire
- If there are any performance, financial or safety concerns about a particular service or function
- How consideration by the Scrutiny Committee will add value.

3. Consultation

- 3.1 Scrutiny work programmes are developed in consultation with Committee members. They are also informed by discussions with Executive Directors, who offer guidance about the timing of the Committee's involvement, to ensure that scrutiny work coincides with the availability of performance data, specific milestones, and appropriate stages of policy development.

4. Alternative Options Considered

- 4.1 The option of not having a work programme was rejected as it is considered important that topics are allocated to specific meeting dates in order to focus the work of the Committee and promote transparency.

5. Implications

- 5.1 Appendix 1 sets out the relevant implications considered in the preparation of the report.

6. Background Papers

- 6.1 None

7. Appendices

- 7.1 Appendix 1 – Implications
- 7.2 Appendix 2 – Draft Work Programme 2022/23

8. Recommendation(s)

That the Committee:

- a) Agrees the 2022/23 work programme and notes that it is flexible document and that additional issues can be added throughout the year.

9. Reasons for Recommendation(s)

9.1 To focus the work of the Committee and promote transparency.

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Implications

Financial

1.1 None Identified for this report

Legal

2.1 None Identified for this report

Human Resources

3.1 None Identified for this report

Information Technology

4.1 None Identified for this report

Equalities Impact

5.1 None Identified for this report

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

6.1 Resilient, healthy and safe communities.

6.2 High performing, value for money and resident focused services.

6.3 Effective early help for individuals and communities.

Other (for example, Health and Safety, Environmental, Sustainability, Property and Asset Management, Risk Management and Safeguarding)

7.1 None Identified for this report

Improvement and Scrutiny Committee - People
2022/23 Draft Work Programme

Wednesday 20 July 2022 (Report Deadline 12 July)			
Topic	Lead Officers	Lines of Enquiry/Purpose	Portfolio Holder
Care Leavers Service	Alison Noble Smruti Mehta	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What outcomes have been achieved since this service has been brought back in-house? • What are the future priorities of the service? 	Julie Patten
Short Term Services (Homecare and Reablement)	Linda Elba-Porter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are effective short-term services being delivered to enable people to be supported to stay in their homes for longer? 	Natalie Hoy

Wednesday 7 September 2022 (Report Deadline 30 August)			
Topic	Lead Officers	Lines of Enquiry/Purpose	Portfolio Holder
SEND Strategy	Matthew Booth Carol Cammiss	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What has been learnt from the discovery and engagement phase? • Pre- decision scrutiny of draft SEND Strategy (if available) 	Alex Dale

Transition to Adulthood	<p>Joint presentation by ASCH and Childrens Services</p> <p>Carol Cammiss Linda Elba-Porter</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the pathways for children transitioning from Childrens Services to their onward journey (to independence or adult services?) • What are the experiences of children transitioning to adult services and how can the outcome for individuals be improved? • Are working age adults with disabilities being enabled to be as independent as possible and achieving their aspirations? • What measures are proposed to improve the quality of person-centred care for people with learning disabilities and autism (Pre-decision scrutiny of the People with a learning disability and autistic people strategy) 	<p>Julie Patten Alex Dale Natalie Hoy</p>
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Wednesday 2 November 2022

(Report Deadline 25 October)

Topic	Lead Officers	Lines of Enquiry/Purpose	Portfolio Holder
Prevention and personalisation assessments and reviews	Simon Stevens	Does the assessment process maximise independence, choice and autonomy to enable individuals to live independent lives.	Natalie Hoy
Social Work Practice	Carol Cammiss Ali Noble Peter Lambert	What is the Council doing to improve the quality and consistency of social work practice?	Julie Patten

Wednesday 8 February 2023

(Report Deadline 31 January)

Topic	Lead Officers	Lines of Enquiry/Purpose	Portfolio Holder
Accommodation for Older People	Simon Stevens	Is the Council's approach effectively facilitating the delivery of appropriate accommodation and support for older people? What are the implications of the Government's Social Care reform agenda?	Natalie Hoy
Early Intervention Prevention Strategy	Ali Noble Peter Lambert	Pre decision scrutiny of the Early Intervention Prevention Strategy	Julie Patten

Wednesday 3 May 2023

(Report Deadline 25 April)

Topic	Lead Officers	Lines of Enquiry/Purpose	Portfolio Holder
Early thinking on Youth Investment Fund (Youth Offer)	Ali Noble Carol Cammiss	What are the proposals for the provision for young people aged 14-25?	Natalie Hoy

Notes:

- Meeting dates are provisional
- It is proposed that a working group will be established to develop a performance dashboard to assist the Committee in fulfilling its role of scrutinising policy development and service delivery.
- Earmarked for the 2023/24 Work Programme (July) is a meeting on education issues including, the implications emerging from the Government white paper: "Opportunity for all: strong schools with great teachers for your child", and consideration of how the Council is meeting its obligation to ensure that all children have access to a suitable learning environment.

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