



Report to Scrutiny

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Subject of Report: Panel's Work Programme

Meeting: Scrutiny Review Panel 2 – 2020/2021:
Children's Services Ofsted Improvements
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Brief: To consider and agree the Panel's updated Work Programme including external engagements.

Recommendations: That the Panel's work programme is agreed.

1.0 Panel's Work Programme

1.1 The updated Work Programme is attached as **Appendix 1** to this report for the Panel's consideration and agreement.

1.2 The work programme identifies topics to be addressed at each meeting. It is a rolling programme of work that is amended throughout the period. Items can be addressed as and when these arise or come to the attention of the Panel.

1.3 An updated Work Programme is presented at each Panel meeting. This allows the Members, officers and others to know well in advance the topics of enquiry that will be addressed throughout the year; schedule items into the Work Programme accordingly and track the progress of issues.

External Engagement

1.4 The Panel is asked to agree how else it would like to engage local people and other key stakeholders in the next main topic for review which is:

Ealing Children Short Breaks Service provision at Haydock Avenue –

to consider an update on the Ealing Children Short Break service provision at Haydock Avenue (which opened on 23 September 2020) that provides accommodation-based short breaks for children and young people (aged 9-18 years) with disabilities.

Guidance on Selecting Topics

1.5 The general guidance on selecting a scrutiny topic is that it should be:

- specific (there is a clear remit/question to answer);
- achievable (in the time given and the resources available);
- likely to generate productive outcomes;
- timely and relevant (a community or Council priority); and
- of public interest.

1.6 At the next meeting, which is the last meeting, the Panel is also scheduled to consider its ***Draft Summary Final Report***.

1.7 The Panel is requested to consider and agree the agenda items and actions for the next meeting on 31 March 2021.

2.0 Legal Implications

2.1 There are none arising from this report. The general scrutiny functions and powers are set out in the Council Constitution (as amended).

3.0 Financial Implications

3.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. Support to the Scrutiny Panel is contained within the allocated budget. Value for money will be achieved from the Panel completing its brief to time and quality, with considered recommendations.

4.0 Other Implications

4.1 There are no other implications arising.

5.0 Background Papers

Ealing Council's Constitution, available at

https://www.ealing.gov.uk/info/201046/decision_making/597/council_constitution.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Agendas, Minutes and Reports, available at

http://ealing.cmis.uk.com/ealing/Committees/tabid/62/ctl/ViewCMIS_CommitteeDetails/mid/381/id/34/Default.aspx.

Scrutiny Review Panel 2 – 2020/2021: Children's Services Ofsted Improvements – Agendas, Minutes and Reports, available at

https://ealing.cmis.uk.com/ealing/Committees/tabid/62/ctl/ViewCMIS_CommitteeDetails/mid/381/id/325/Default.aspx.

Current agendas and reports are available at

<http://ealing.cmis.uk.com/ealing/Committees.aspx>.

Report Consultation

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Helen Harris	Director of Legal and Democratic Services	N/A		
Ross Brown	Chief Finance Officer	N/A		
Sam Bailey	Head of Democratic Services	22.01.21		
Cllr Karanvir Dhadwal	Panel Chair	07.01.21		
Cllr Seema Kumar	Panel Vice Chair	07.01.21		
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Carol Yates	Operations Manager LAC and LCT	07.01.21		
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<i>External</i>				
None.				

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