

CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
SCRUTINY TOPICS AND WORK PROGRAMME 2018/19

(A) SELECTION OF SCRUTINY TOPIC FOR 2018/19

The Committee is invited to select its scrutiny topic for 2018/19.

The Council's Constitution allows the Committee undertake one review of its own choosing, and carry out one further review subject to the agreement of the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Committee. In recent years the Committee has carried out the following reviews:

- Impact of Early Help on Preventing Escalation to Statutory Services (2014/15)
- Alternative Provision (2015/16)
- Post-16 Education, Employment and Training (2016/17)
- Vulnerable Adolescents (2017/18)

As the previous three topics have focused on adolescent / teenage children, the Chair has suggested that the Committee may wish to focus its next review on younger children. Suggested topics include:

- Support for children with special educational needs and disabilities.
- Supporting pupil attendance and minimising the number of exclusions.

(B) ONE-OFF REPORTS

The Committee may also request one-off reports on matters related to Children's Services. Following discussion with the Chair, it is suggested that the Committee may wish to request reports on:

- The availability and effectiveness of Early Years provision
- Implementation of the Fair Futures Commission recommendations
- The role of Islington's supplementary schools
- The effectiveness of Islington Council's Free School Meals policy

It is anticipated that the Committee would be able to accommodate two one-off reports into its work programme.

(C) OTHER REPORTS

The Committee will also consider annual reports on Child Protection, Education, and Prevent; reports from the Executive Member and the Safeguarding Children Board; and quarterly performance reports.

The Committee is invited to review its work plan, below.

Tuesday 26 June 2018

1. Membership, Terms of Reference, Dates of Meetings
2. Executive Member Annual Presentation
3. Child Protection Annual Report
4. Education Annual Report
5. Scrutiny Topics and Work Programme 2018/19

Monday 16 July 2018

1. Scrutiny Review – Scrutiny Initiation Document and Introductory Briefing
2. Post-16 Education Employment and Training Review 2016/17 – 12 Month Report Back
3. Quarterly Review of Children's Services Performance (Q4 2017/18)
4. Review of Work Programme

Thursday 13 September 2018

1. Scrutiny Review – Witness Evidence
2. Review of Work Programme

Thursday 18 October 2018

1. Executive Member Update and Questions
2. Scrutiny Review – Witness Evidence
3. Quarterly Review of Children's Services Performance (Q1 2018/19)
4. Review of Work Programme

Thursday 22 November 2018

1. Scrutiny Review – Witness Evidence
2. Review of Work Programme

Thursday 10 January 2019

1. Executive Member Update and Questions
2. Scrutiny Review – Witness Evidence and Concluding Discussion
3. Quarterly Review of Children's Services Performance (Q2 2018/19)
4. Review of Work Programme

Monday 4 March 2019

1. Scrutiny Review – Draft Recommendations
2. The Children's Services Response to Prevent – Annual Update
3. Islington Safeguarding Children Board: Annual Report

Thursday 30 April 2019

1. Executive Member Update and Questions
2. Education Annual Report
3. Quarterly Review of Children's Services Performance (Q3 2018/19)
4. Scrutiny Review – Final Report