

Adults, Children and Education Scrutiny Commission 18 October 2018



Report of: Service Director - Legal & Democratic Services

Title Adults, Children and Education Scrutiny Commission - Annual Business Report 2018-19

Ward: N/A

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Recommendations

1. To note chairing arrangements and elect a Vice Chair for the 2018-19 municipal year.
2. To note the Scrutiny Commission's Terms of Reference.
3. To note meeting dates.
4. To note the topics that were selected as priorities for the Commission at the OSMB workshop on the 30th May 2018.



1. Chairing arrangements

Cllr Hiscott was appointed as the Chair of this commission at the OSM Board annual meeting on 18 June 2018. The commission is asked to formally elect a Vice-Chair.

2. Terms of Reference of the Commission

At its meeting on 22 May 2018, Full Council established this commission with the following terms of reference:

ADULT, CHILDREN AND EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMISSION

Terms of reference - Overview

The role of the commission is the overview and scrutiny of matters relating to the Adults, Children and Education Directorate, including:

Adults: Front Door/ Hospital social care teams, Maximising Independence, Safeguarding / Deprivation of Liberty, Approved Mental Health Act service, Strategic Commissioning / Contracts & Quality, Early Intervention/ Targeted support and Intermediate Care, Reablement and Regulated Services.

Children: Early Help, Targeted Support, Safeguarding including Child Protection Social Work services and Permanency and Specialist Services for children in care, care leavers and disabled children and their families.

Education: HOPE Virtual School, Early Years, School Partnerships, Specialist Education and Access, and Employment, Learning & Skills

Functions

1. To ensure that overview and scrutiny directly responds to corporate and public priorities, is used to drive service improvement, provides a focus for policy development and engages members of the public, key stakeholders and partner agencies.
2. To action the annual work programme set by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board using the following framework:
 - a. Scrutiny of corporate plans and other major plan priorities within its remit, with particular reference to those areas where targets are not being met or progress is slow;
 - b. Input to significant policy developments or service reviews;
 - c. Review and scrutiny of decisions made, or other action taken in connection with the discharge of any functions which are the responsibility of the Mayor/Executive, functions which are not the responsibility of the Mayor/Executive, and functions which are the responsibility of any other bodies the Council is authorised to scrutinise.

3. To make reports and recommendations to Full Council, the Mayor/Executive and/or any other body on matters within their remit and on matters which affect the authority's area or the inhabitants of that area and to monitor the response, implementation and impact of recommendations.
4. To work in collaboration with the Mayor/relevant Executive Member and receive updates from that member on key policy developments, decisions taken or to be taken and progress against corporate priorities.
5. To report to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on progress against the work programme and on any recommendations it makes.

3. 2018-2019 Meeting Dates

- 5pm, Monday, 18th October 2018
- 2pm, Monday, 19th November 2018
- 2pm, Monday, 28th January 2019
- 4pm, Monday, 25th March 2019
- 2pm, Monday, 13th May 2019

4. Topics that were selected as priorities for the Commission by the OSM Board:

- Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and Unregulated Schools
- Adverse Childhood Experiences
- Care Leavers
- Better Lives
- Strengthening Families
- Delayed Transfers of Care (DToC)
- Suicide Clusters
- Outcomes of the Adult Social Care T&F Group
- School Places

Plus the following Adults, Children and Education Directorate related Scrutiny Task Group:

- SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability)