

SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMMES

Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee

'Holding the Executive to account in respect of all three priorities within the Council's Corporate Plan....Economy (Building a strong economy), People (Promoting independence and positive lives for everyone), Place (Creating neighbourhoods where people are proud to live and work).'

Each of the Council's Scrutiny Committees is responsible for setting and agreeing its own work programme by identifying a list of themes and topics which fall under the remit of each individual Scrutiny Committee. Following discussion with the Chair, Vice Chair and Scrutiny Members a practical, realistic and timetabled programme can then be developed.

The scrutiny forward work programmes should provide a clear rationale as to why particular issues have been selected; be outcome focussed; ensure that the method of scrutiny is best suited to the topic area and the outcome desired; align scrutiny programmes with the council's performance management, self-evaluation and improvement arrangements.

Throughout the year, there are a number of ways in which additional issues can be considered for inclusion in the Scrutiny Work Programme and ideas for inclusion may come from a number of sources such as:-

- Individual Councillors;
- Performance or budget monitoring information;
- Inspection reports;
- Referrals from Council (such as Notices of Motion), Cabinet/Audit or other scrutiny committees;
- Service users;
- Monitoring the implementation of recommendations previously made by the Committee; and
- Local Residents

The Cabinet is also required to produce forward work programmes and the Overview & Scrutiny Committee keeps abreast of forthcoming items or topics which may enable scrutiny to be involved in the development of Council policy prior to its formal consideration by Cabinet. It is important to bear in mind that an element of flexibility is applied to each individual work programme that provides Committees with the capacity to scrutinise new / urgent issues that arise during the year. For this reason the Scrutiny Work Programmes will be published for a 6 month period and reviewed every quarter.

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date/Time	Overarching Item	Officer	Cabinet Member	Invited/ In attendance	Scrutiny Focus
<p>10th July 2019, 5pm Committee Room 1, Clydach Vale (Joint Education & Children's Services Meeting)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children & Young People Scrutiny Work Programme 	<p>Director of Education & Inclusion Services</p> <p>Director of Children's Services</p> <p>Service Director of Democratic Services & Communications</p>			<p>Scrutiny & Challenge – For Members of the CH&YP Scrutiny Committee to consider the work programme for 2019/2020.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-Scrutiny of the Director of Social Services Annual Report 	<p>Group Director – Community & Children's Services</p>			<p>Scrutiny & Challenge – To undertake pre scrutiny of the Annual report to ascertain whether it represents a true evaluation of the Local Authority's performance.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training Needs 	<p>Director of Education & Inclusion Services</p> <p>Director of Children's Services</p> <p>Service Director of Democratic Services & Communications</p>			<p>To consider and develop a schedule of training requirements for members of the CH&YP Committee.</p>
<p>11th September 2019, 5pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How data will be reported to the Children & Young 	<p>Director of Education & Inclusion Services</p>			<p>To receive the Data Team, Central South Consortium who will outline the changes</p>

<p>Committee Room 1, Clydach Vale (Joint Education & Children's Services)</p>	<p>People Scrutiny Committee (or July depending on availability of Data team)</p> <p>CSC overview on what it provides for RCT</p>	<p>Senior Management CSC</p>			<p>to future data reporting mechanisms.</p> <p>To provide Members with information on what contribution CSC has in raising standard in RCT.</p>
	<p>Report in respect of Private Care Homes (within RCT)</p>	<p>Service Director Children's Services Regional Manager for 4 C's (Karen Benjamin)</p>			<p>To receive a report in respect of the number of private Care home providers within RCT.</p>
	<p>Annual Safeguarding Report (INFORMATION ONLY)</p>				
	<p>Annual Complaints Report (INFORMATION ONLY)</p>				
<p>25th September 2019, 5pm Committee Room 1, Clydach Vale (Education)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cabinet & Scrutiny Engagement Session 	<p>Director of Education & Inclusion Services</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Education & Inclusion Services</p>	<p>√</p>	<p>Scrutiny & Challenge – Consider the progress made In advancing the portfolio responsibilities of the Cabinet Member for Education & Inclusion.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School performance 2018 	<p>Director of Education & Inclusion Services</p> <p>Head of Access & Inclusion</p>			<p>Scrutiny & Challenge – Review School Performance in RCT and consider the whether the appropriate</p>

					support is in place for schools.
9th October 2019, 5pm Committee Room 1, Clydach Vale (Children's Services Meeting)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cabinet & Scrutiny Engagement Session 	Director of Children's Services	Cabinet Member for Children & Young People	√	Scrutiny & Challenge – Consider the progress made In advancing the portfolio responsibilities of the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarterly Review of the O&S Scrutiny Work Programme 	Director of Education & Inclusion Services Service Director of Democratic Services & Communications			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is the Work Programme suitable and relevant to the Terms of Reference? Members of the Committee to provide comment in relation to the Work Programme going forward.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your Voice Survey Report long with an update in respect of the Bright Spot Survey. 	Director of Social Services Service Development Officer Head of Community Wellbeing and Resilience			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scrutiny & Challenge For Members to compare findings and make any improvements
16th October 2019, 5pm Committee Room 1, Clydach Vale (Education)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Period Poverty Update - Feminine Hygiene Products in Schools 	Director of Education & Inclusion Services			Scrutiny & Challenge - For Members to review and challenge the progress of tackling period poverty within schools across Rhondda Cynon Taf following the motion that was approved by Cabinet in July 2017.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarterly Review of the O&S Scrutiny Work Programme 	Director of Education & Inclusion Services			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is the Work Programme suitable and relevant to the Terms of Reference?

		Service Director of Democratic Services & Communications			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of the Committee to provide comment in relation to the Work Programme going forward.
6th November 2019, 5pm Committee Room 1, Clydach Vale (Children's Services)	CAMHS UPDATE REPORT (to include primary mental health support)	Director of Children's Services Officers from Cwm Taf Mental Health Services			Scrutiny & Challenge – To assess the support provided by the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Health Board in respect of the mental Health of the children and young people within RCT
20th November 2019, 5pm Committee Room 1, Clydach Vale (Education)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Attendance Strategy 2018-21 (Truancy Watch & Truancy Free Zones) 	Director of Education & Inclusion Services Head of Attendance & Wellbeing Service			Scrutiny & Challenge – To assess the effectiveness of the School Attendance Strategy with particular reference to the impact of the Truancy Free Zones initiative.
4th December 2019, 5pm Committee Room 1, Clydach Vale	CLA Update (Reduction of CLA within the County Borough)	Director of Children's Services			Scrutiny & Challenge – To assess the way the Authority is working towards

(Children's Services)					reducing the Children Looked After within the Authority (as directed by Welsh Government.)
18th December 2019, 5pm Committee Room 1, Clydach Vale (Education)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) Scrutiny Recommendations 	Director of Education & Inclusion Services Head of Attendance & Wellbeing Service			For Scrutiny Members to receive the recommendations proposed by the Scrutiny Working Group.
	21 st Century Schools (Evaluation of Feedback on Band A Schools)	Director of Education & Inclusion Services Head of 21 st Century Schools			Scrutiny & Challenge – Scrutinise the evaluation of feedback on Band A Schools

Other Areas for exploration:-

Future 21st Century Schools (Band B)

WESP

CAMHS

CSC

SEREN

Engaging Young People

Training Requirements:-

To be considered at the first Scrutiny Committee in July

Current Scrutiny Working Groups:-

Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN's)