

REPORT TO:	Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub Committee 9 July 2013
AGENDA ITEM:	10
SUBJECT:	SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME
LEAD OFFICER:	Julie Belvir Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer, Director of Democratic & Legal Services
CABINET MEMBER:	Not applicable
PERSON LEADING AT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING:	Iiona Kytomaa, Members' Services Manager

ORIGIN OF ITEM:	The Scrutiny Work Programme is scheduled for consideration at every ordinary meeting of the Committee.
BRIEF FOR THE COMMITTEE:	To consider any additions, amendments or changes to the agreed work programme for the Committee in 2013/14.

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This agenda item details the Committee's initial work programme for the 2013/14 municipal year, as approved by the Scrutiny and Strategic Overview Committee on 11 June 2013.
- 1.2 The Sub-Committee has the opportunity to discuss any amendments or additions that it wishes to make to the work programme.

2. WORK PROGRAMME

- 2.1 The work programme agreed by the Scrutiny and Strategic Overview Committee is attached at **Appendix 1**.

2.2 Additional Scrutiny Topics

Members of the Sub Committee are invited to suggest any other items that they consider appropriate for the Work Programme. However, due to the time limitations at Committee meetings, it is suggested that no proposed agenda contain more than two items of substantive business in order to allow effective scrutiny of items already listed.

2.3 Participation in Scrutiny

Members of the Sub-Committee are also requested to give consideration to any persons that it wishes to attend future meetings to assist in the consideration of

agenda items. This may include Cabinet Members, Council or other public agency officers or representatives of relevant communities.

- 2.4 At the Scrutiny Workshop of 22 May 2013, Members considered the implications of the Francis Inquiry report and the Winterbourne inquiry. There was also discussion of the Rochdale and Oxford child grooming cases. This discussion touched on the failure of Staffordshire County Council's Scrutiny Committee to challenge Mid-Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust regarding the quality of its services. It was observed that relying solely on the reassurance of officers under scrutiny without having recourse to independent sources of information was not good practice.

3 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 The Sub Committee is recommended to:

- i) Suggest any persons that it wishes to invite to attend forthcoming meetings to assist with consideration of planned agenda items and agree that Scrutiny officers should make efforts to invite appropriate contributors to all meetings of this sub-committee;
- ii) Agree any other changes to the Scrutiny Work Programme 2013/14

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

None