

TITLE OF REPORT: **Work Programme 2022-23 and Development of Work Programme for 2023-24**

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Summary

This report is set out in two parts. The first part sets out the current work programme for the Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the municipal year 2022-23 and the second part details the current position and next steps in the development of the work programme for this OSC for the municipal year 2023-24.

2022-23 Work Programme

1. During 2022-23 the OSC has sought to influence and shape policy development, decision making and performance improvement work.
2. During this period the OSC has monitored Council performance generally, in those areas falling within its remit, at its meetings on 16 June 2022 and 1 December 2022. Cabinet has had regard to the OSC's views when considering Council performance overall.
3. The OSC has also monitored progress in relation to the following specific areas of performance and the OSC's comments have been fed into the improvement work progressed by relevant service areas and fed back to relevant partners;
 - Ofsted Improvement Plan – Progress Update
 - CAMHS and Impact of Covid – Update
 - Annual Report on Complaints and Representations
 - Demand Pressures on Children's Social Care
 - SEND Tribunal Data and Local Offer
 - Safeguarding Children – MASA and Business Plan
 - Ofsted Inspections and School Data around Permanent Exclusions and Elective Home Education
 - Children and Young People's Access to Dental Health Services in Gateshead
4. The Committee's current work programme is set out at Appendix 1 and any changes to the programme have been highlighted in bold and italics for ease of identification.

Development of 2023-24 OSC Work Programmes

5. An initial consultation with OSC Chairs, other elected members and officers, on the proposed priority issues for the new 2023-24 work programmes, was carried out between 13 February and 24 February 2023.
6. It was highlighted that any suggestions for the work programmes should focus on priority issues that would support the Council's Thrive agenda and add value, taking account of the priority areas outlined in the budget consultation; the Council's Performance Framework; the Gateshead Strategic Needs Assessment and the Council's Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
7. At this OSC meeting on 27 April 2023 there will be an opportunity for the OSC to comment on and discuss emerging issues for this OSC and to put forward any additional issues for consideration.

Next Steps

8. Partner organisations will be consulted on the emerging issues for each OSC for 2023-24, with a view to OSC's considering any feedback and endorsing its respective work programmes at June 2023 OSC meetings. At which time Committee will be asked to refer its new work programme to Council for agreement.

Recommendations

9. The Committee is asked to:-
 - a) Note the work programme for 2022-23;
 - b) Comment on the emerging issues for this OSC's 2023-24 work programme and highlight any additional issues for consideration.

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