

Children's Services Scrutiny Committee – 26th June, 2014

Report of the Lead Officer and the Director of Corporate Resources

Annual Scrutiny Programme 2014/15

Purpose of Report

1. To consider and endorse the suggested items for inclusion in the Annual Scrutiny Programme for detailed consideration by this Scrutiny Committee during 2014/15.

Background

2. As in 2013/14, meetings of this Scrutiny Committee have been scheduled, on the dates below, primarily to facilitate consideration of the quarterly performance management reports and the detailed scrutiny of the Council's revenue budget proposals in November - .
 - Thursday, 25th September, 2014 – 6pm
 - Wednesday, 19th November, 2014 – 6pm
 - Wednesday, 21st January, 2015 – 6pm
 - Thursday, 12th March, 2014
3. Scrutiny Committees were introduced into Dudley Council last year and there is a report elsewhere on this agenda that summarises the work undertaken by the Committee Members. The work plan is intended to build onto that work and was suggested by Members of that Committee.

The items identified are:

- Childhood Neglect
- Early Help Offer
- Special Educational Needs Reforms.

For your information the above items were agreed and recommended by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on the 11.6.14

4. Appendix 1 gives more detailed information on the topics set out in the Annual Scrutiny Programme for 2014/15 as referred to in paragraph 3 above.

Finance

5. The costs of operating the revised scrutiny arrangements will be contained within existing budgetary allocations.

Law

6. Scrutiny Committees are established in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 and the requirements of the Council's Constitution, which was adopted under the Local Government Act 2000, subsequent legislation and associated Regulations and Guidance.

Equality Impact

7. Provision exists within the recommended scrutiny arrangements for overview and scrutiny to be undertaken of the Council's policies on equality and diversity.

Recommendation

8. Members are asked to endorse and recommend that the issues as contained in the Annual Scrutiny Programme for 2014/15, as referred to in paragraph 3 and Appendix 1.



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List of Background Papers

Report to Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – 11th June, 2014 – Annual Scrutiny Programme 2014/15