

Divisions Affected - All

PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 17 FEBRUARY 2022

THE PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PLAN FOR 2021/22

Report by Director of Law and Governance

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is RECOMMENDED to note the Work Plan (as set out in Appendix 1).

Executive Summary

1. This report presents the People Scrutiny Committee Work Plan for 2021/22. The People Scrutiny Committee Work Plan for 2021/22 was agreed at its meeting on 24th November 2022 for the remaining meetings of the 2021/22 municipal year, drawing on the consideration of work planning at previous meetings. The Work Plan is presented in this report for information and to provide an opportunity for the committee to clarify any items for future meetings in the annual committee cycle.

The People Scrutiny Committee Work Plan for 2021/22

2. The work plans for scrutiny committees set out the issues that the scrutiny committee will consider during the year, including any scrutiny working groups (or Scrutiny Review Panels). The People Scrutiny Committee Work Plan is set out in Appendix 1.
3. Oxfordshire Council has three Overview and Scrutiny Committees and a joint health overview and scrutiny committee; – the Performance & Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny, the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the People Overview Scrutiny Committee and the Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee. The work plan for each committee is considered and agreed by the respective committees.
4. The remit of the scrutiny committees are set out in Article 7 of the Oxfordshire Council Constitution under the Terms of Reference for Scrutiny committees. The remit of the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee is to focus on the following key areas:
 - (a) *all services and preventative activities/initiatives relating to children, young people, education, families and older people;*
 - (b) *enables the council to scrutinise its statutory functions relation to children, adult social care and safeguarding. Includes public health matters where they are not covered by the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee;*
 - (c) *This committee will also consider matters relating to care leavers and the transition between children's and adult services.*

5. The scrutiny committees ordinarily meet four times a year throughout the year. The number of topics identified were therefore limited and balanced to the number that can usefully be considered within the committee meeting time available across the year.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications for the purposes of this report.

Prem Salhan

Prem Salhan – Interim Finance Business Partner – CODR & CDAI

Legal Implications

There are no legal implications for the purposes of this report.

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Annex:

Appendix 1 – The People Scrutiny Committee Work Plan 2021/22.

Background papers: Report to People OSC: Work Programme – 22 September 2021

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January 2022

DRAFT People Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Plan 2021-2022

Agreed by the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 17th February 2022.

Wednesday 17th February 2022

Agenda item
<p>Home to School Transport</p> <p>To consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Current arrangements including parental preference <input type="checkbox"/> Pupil projections, expansion plans and need <input type="checkbox"/> How to create fairness within the system <input type="checkbox"/> How to decarbon the service <input type="checkbox"/> Service User experience and opinion
<p>Serious Case Review: Child R</p> <p>To consider the Serious Case Review for Child R.</p>
<p>Special Educational Needs and Disabilities in Oxfordshire (SEND)</p> <p>To consider Special Educational Needs and Disabilities in Oxfordshire (SEND).</p>

Thursday 7th April 2022

Agenda item
<p>Oxfordshire Adult Services</p> <p>To consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Performance and comparison data <input type="checkbox"/> Transition from children's to adult social care <input type="checkbox"/> Best Practice Review/ Service User experience/ Upcoming legislation <input type="checkbox"/> Preparation for 2023 assurance requirement <input type="checkbox"/> Front door of service/ first point of contact <input type="checkbox"/> Workforce issues <input type="checkbox"/> Finances/ Key risks and their impact
<p>Regional Schools Commissioner</p> <p>To consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Where academies and schools are underperforming working with the trusts to ensure appropriate action is taken to improve performance <input type="checkbox"/> Tackling underperformance in maintained schools <input type="checkbox"/> Conversion of maintained schools to academies

- Approval of sponsors and multi academy trusts
- Deciding on making significant changes to academies and free schools
- Advising on proposals for new free schools, and whether to cancel, defer or enter into funding agreements with free school projects.

Josh McAllister Review into Looked After Children: through lens of OCC and OCC response

To consider:

- Review findings
- OCC response
- Impact on OCC policy and service direction
- Service user and staff experience in OCC.