

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
(CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND SAFEGUARDING)
5 JULY 2022**

**WORK PROGRAMME / KEY DECISION FORWARD PLAN – REVISED
RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. WORK PROGRAMME 2022/23 – REVISED WORK PROGRAMME

1.1 The Committee usually holds 5 scheduled meetings each Municipal Year. It has been proposed that from September 2022, the Committee may wish to meet on a 6-weekly basis, in order to provide additional scrutiny to the Council's Children's Services function.

1.2 Accordingly, a **revised draft Work Programme** has been produced and is attached at **REVISED APPENDIX A**.

1.3 At the meeting of the Committee held on 15 March 2022, the Committee resolved that:

“(2) the following item be added to the Committee's Work Programme for 2022/23:

the Executive Director of Children's Social Care and Education be requested to submit a full report on the Improvement Board in regard to the Children's Social Care Improvement Journey to the next scheduled meeting of the Committee on 5 July 2022, and regular reports on the matter be submitted to the Committee thereafter during 2022/23;” (Minute No. 43 (2) refers)

1.4 Members are requested to note that the intention is for the item on the Children's Social Care Improvement Journey to be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee.

1.5 The Committee is requested to comment on the proposed frequency of meetings and the attached draft Work Programme for 2022/23, as appropriate, and note that additional items may be added to the Programme at future meetings of the Committee during this Municipal Year.

**2. PRE-SCRUTINY OF ITEMS IN THE KEY DECISION FORWARD PLAN –
PUBLICATION OF LATEST FORWARD PLAN**

2.1 Since the agenda for the meeting on 5 July 2022 was published, the latest Key Decision Forward Plan has been published, covering the period 1 August – 1

November 2022, and items that fall under the remit of the Committee are attached at **REVISED APPENDIX C**.

2.2 At the meeting of the Committee held on 15 March 2022, the Committee resolved that:

“(4) a request be made for the Key Decision on the Education Excellence Strategy for Sefton 2021-2025 to be deferred to the Cabinet meeting scheduled for 28 July 2022, to enable this Committee to pre-scrutinise the matter at its meeting scheduled for 5 July 2022, and for the item to be included in the work programme for 2022/23;” (Minute No. 43 (4) refers).

2.3 Members are requested to note that the item on the Education Excellence Strategy has now been deferred for a decision by the Cabinet on 6 October 2022. The intention is for the item to be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee, to allow for pre-scrutiny of the issue.

2.4 **The Committee is invited to consider items for pre-scrutiny from the latest Key Decision Forward Plan which fall under the remit of the Committee and any agreed items be included in the Work Programme referred to in (1) above.**