

Business and Children's Policy & Scrutiny Committee

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Report of:	Head of Governance and Councillor Liaison
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1. Executive Summary

1. This report asks the committee members to consider items for the Committee's 2021/2022 work programme.

2. Meeting dates for the 2021/2022 year

- 2.1 The Committee is advised that the remaining scheduled meeting date for the 2021/2022 year is:
 - 31st March 2022

3. Suggested topics

- 3.1 The February meeting will cover a review of the School Performance Strategy and a report on School Uniform. The School Uniform report is for the Committee to receive an update from the School Standards team on how it intends to work with schools to lower the cost of school uniform, in accordance with the Education (Guidance about the Costs of School Uniforms) Act 2021.
- 3.2 Committee members are participating in a scrutiny task group investigating the mental health and emotional wellbeing of children and young people in

Westminster, led by Cllr Karen Scarborough (Chairman of the Business and Children's Policy and Scrutiny Committee). The work of this task group is close to being finished, with a view to finalising the report soon after Children's Mental Health Week (7-13 February). The Committee may already wish to consider and topics suitable for future task group work in the next municipal year.

- 3.3 The Committee is therefore asked to reflect on and discuss the suggested work programme for the remainder of the municipal year. Items suggested for inclusion in the March agenda are reports on the al-fresco dining scheme and the Westminster Investment Service. Items which the Committee may additionally wish to consider at its March meeting include papers on Affordable Housing (from a planning perspective – how to ensure the viability of a development whilst delivering on affordable housing unit targets) and the changes to the Gambling Policy.

If you have any queries about this report or wish to inspect any of the background papers, please contact Artemis Kassi

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Appendix 1 – Work Programme

Appendix 2 – Terms of Reference