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REPORT TO:	CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY SUB COMMITTEE 17 MARCH 2015
AGENDA ITEM:	8
SUBJECT:	WORK PROGRAMME REVIEW AND PLANNING
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CABINET MEMBER:	Not applicable

ORIGIN OF ITEM:	This item replaces the regular work programme report.
BRIEF FOR THE COMMITTEE:	To review learning from the 2014/15 work programme and to identify potential topics and their briefs for the overall 2014/15 scrutiny work programme

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The final meeting of each of the three scrutiny committees are invited to identify
- what has been learnt about effective scrutiny in 2014/15 and;
 - potential topics for the 2015/16 work programme.

2. WORK PROGRAMME REVIEW AND PLANNING

Review of 2014/15

- 2.1 As a means of reviewing what has been learnt about effective scrutiny in 2013/14, members of the committee are invited to generate answers to the following questions:
- What worked well and why?
 - What did not work well and why?
 - And how can this information be used to shape next year's work programme?

Planning for 2015/16

- 2.2 A high level draft Scrutiny work programme for 2015/16 is attached at Appendix 1.

2.3 In addition, please find below a list of topics that fall into the remit of this committee which may be chosen as subjects for a mini-review. The committee may wish to comment on these:.

- Youth employability
- Sports and physical activity
- Fostering and adoption
- The youth offer in the borough
- Children's and Adolescents' mental Health Services
- Children who are victims of Domestic Abuse
- The transition from children's social care to adult social care
- The impact of parenting on educational attainment and achievement

2.3 Members are invited to comment on the draft work programme and to put forward any additional topics to be considered for the following year's work programme.

2.4 In suggesting topics, Members are reminded that the Scrutiny and Strategic Overview Committee has previously agreed that:

A good scrutiny topic:

- is clearly defined (ie there is a written 'Brief' for the item)
- is of interest to Members
- is a key issue of public interest or concern
- is likely to lead to improvements for local people
- can help the council achieve its corporate priorities
- may involve a cyclical review of progress

Topics suitable for task and finish working groups are ones on which:

- it is generally agreed that there is a problem
- Scrutiny can contribute to a better outcome
- much more time is required than can be given at committee
- study of the issue is timely
- gaps or problems in service delivery and provision may be examined

3 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 In summary, the committee and/or its individual members are recommended to:

- (a) identify what has been learnt about effective scrutiny in 2014/15
- (b) make any comments on the topics identified so far for the 2015/16 work programme within the remit of this committee
- (c) suggest other topics for inclusion in the overall 2015/16 work programme.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Draft 2015/16 Scrutiny Work Programme

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

None.