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<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>Scrutiny Children &amp; Young People Sub-Committee 28 November 2017</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>WORK PROGRAMME</b>
<b>LEAD OFFICER:</b>	<b>Stephen Rowan, Head of Democratic Services &amp; Scrutiny</b>
<b>PERSON LEADING AT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING:</b>	<b>Councillor Jan Buttinger, Chair of the Sub-Committee</b>

<b>ORIGIN OF ITEM:</b>	The Sub-Committee agreed at its previous meeting to amend its work programme in light of the recent Ofsted Inspection findings.
<b>BRIEF FOR THE COMMITTEE:</b>	To consider a revised work programme for the Sub-Committee and agree any amendments considered necessary.

## **1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 At its meeting on 5 September 2017, the Scrutiny and Overview Committee resolved that Children and Young People's Scrutiny Meetings would have items on key themes in the Improvement Plan following the recent Ofsted inspection of Children's Social Care in Croydon.
- 1.2 This was further considered at the meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on 19 September 2017, where it was agreed that the work programme be amended to reflect the programme of 'deep dive' reviews planned as part of the improvement journey being managed by the Children's Service Improvement Board.

## **2. PLANNED DEEP DIVES & PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE WORK PROGRAMME**

- 2.1 The Improvement Board is continuing to identify and prioritise the areas that it considers most suitable for deep dive reviews. At its most recent meeting on 3 October, it agreed that the following deep dives be undertaken:
- 7 November 2017 - Early Permanence, parallel planning, Pre-birth assessments & Public Law Outline
- 2.2 The Sub-Committee has also indicated its wish to include an agenda item on children's safeguarding in a future meeting, which is to include an examination

of the effectiveness of partnership work and the questioning of key partners in this work e.g. the police and health services.

2.3 The current planned work programme for the Sub-Committee for the remainder of this municipal year is as follows:

28 November 17	6 February 18	13 March 18
Children’s Safeguarding Board Annual Report	Education Budget	<b>Children, Young People &amp; Learning Q &amp; A</b>
Missing children statistics	Education Standards	Update on missing children statistics
Deep Dives: Public Law Outline and Early Permanence		Children’s Social Care Annual Report

2.4 As the Improvement Board continues to develop its deep dive programme, this will continue to be reported to this Sub-Committee to allow further consideration of any further potential changes to the work programme.

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**BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:** None