



**Children and Families Overview and  
Scrutiny Committee  
2007**

**Report from the Director of Policy  
and Regeneration**

For Action

Wards Affected:  
ALL

**Report Title: Committee Work Programme 2007/8**

Forward Plan Ref:

**1.0 Summary**

1.1 This report sets out a draft work programme for the year 2007/08.

**2.0 Recommendations**

2.1 Members are asked to review the attached work programme to ensure that it covers all the priority areas on children and families issues as well as make suggestions on who could be invited to the committee to give evidence.

**3.0 Detail**

3.1 The topics for this work programme have been compiled based on suggestions from members of the committee and senior officers from the Children and Families Department. A well planned work programme is a critical component of a successful overview & scrutiny function. A programme of carefully selected topics can help engage the public, connect with the council's priorities, community concerns, and has the potential to add value to the work of the Council. It is therefore important that this committee's work programme is developed and agreed by its Members.

3.2 The committee can choose to scrutinise different subject areas in different ways depending on the subject size and the depth of investigation required. This can be done as in depth task groups, issue specific meeting subjects, or short discrete agenda items. In all cases the Children and Families Overview

and Scrutiny Committee has the ability to request information and call witnesses.

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