

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee
<b>REPORT NO:</b>	COGC/60/19s
<b>DATE:</b>	14 November 2019
<b>LEAD MEMBER:</b>	N/A
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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Work Programme
<b>WARD:</b>	N/A

**1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To assist the Committee in considering and agreeing its work programme.

**2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 2.1 The proposed work programme up until July 2020, for consideration, is attached at **Appendix 1**.

**3 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 That, subject to the changes outlined in this report, the Committee agrees the Work Programme at Appendix 1.
- 3.2 To consider proposed changes to the Work Programme as detailed in paragraph 4.2.
- 3.3 To consider possible substitute Members for the December meeting of the School Performance Working Group.

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

To enable the Committee to develop an outcome-focused work programme for the next 12 months and beyond.

#### **4. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 4.1 At its September meeting the Committee made the following amendments to its work programme:-

##### School Performance

November 2019 meeting to consider performance at Foundation Phase and Key Stages 2 and 3.

March 2020 meeting to consider performance at Key Stages 4 and 5, together with details of work of the School Performance Working Group.

##### Preparation for implementing the New Curriculum and ALN Reform Act

To be considered at the March 2020 meeting

#### **4.2 Estyn Inspection - Outcome**

Members will be aware that the Local Education Authority (LEA) has recently been the subject of an inspection by Estyn. This inspection concluded in October 2019 and the resultant inspection report is expected to be issued by the end of December 2019.

The inspection report is expected to contain recommendations that the LEA will be required to respond too. In order to do this the LEA will be expected to develop an action plan together with a defined timetable for its delivery. The deadline for this to be completed is probably by April 2020.

It is suggested that this committee consider the required action plan at their meeting in March 2020. In order for it to do so the items currently scheduled for this meeting - Preparation for Implementing the New Curriculum and ALN Reform Act and Performance of Wrexham Pupils/Schools in Academic Year 2018/19 (Key Stages 4 and 5) are suggested to be considered in February 2020.

The items that are currently scheduled for consideration at the February 2020 meeting are Education and Early Intervention – Dept Self Evaluation and 2020/21 Priorities and Evaluation of GwE and Local Authority Education Business Plans. These are areas of work that will expected to be covered within the action plan. Therefore, they will not be required to be considered individually by this committee.

- 4.3 Members are advised that the School Performance Working Group will meet again on the 5 December 2019. For the October meeting Committee agreed that the Councillor Alun Jenkins and Mr Brendan McDonald act as substitute Members if required. As additional Members may also be required for the December meeting the Committee may wish to consider identifying substitute Members.

## 5. IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 **Policy Framework** – The terms of reference of this Committee are partly aligned to the priorities in the Council’s Strategic Theme ‘People’ as set out in the Council Plan. Any scrutiny topics identified will contribute to the terms of reference **‘To ensure that the people of Wrexham have positive aspirations, education and potential’**.
- 5.2 **Budget** – There are no budget implications arising from this report.
- 5.3 **Legal** – There are no legal implications arising from this report.
- 5.4 **Staffing** – There are no staffing issues arising out of the report, but Officer resource will be required to support the preparation of information for Scrutiny Committee consideration.
- 5.5 **Equality/Human Rights** – This report provides information to inform a work programme and the Equality Manager has confirmed that the programme does not require an equality impact assessment as it merely sets out a timetable.
- 5.6 **Risks** – The main purpose of Scrutiny is to review and improve Council services, to make recommendations on future policy options and to act as a check and balance on the decisions made. Successful work programming and identification of issues for scrutiny, focusing on outcomes contributing to the relevant Council priorities, should minimize the risk to them not being attained/delivered.

## 6. CONSULTATION

Not applicable.

## 7 EVALUATION OF OPTIONS

Not applicable.

BACKGROUND PAPERS	LOCATION	WEBSITE INFO.
Work Programme Report (COGC/43/19s) to Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee – 12 September 2019.	Wrexham County Borough Council Website	<a href="http://vmmoderngov/documents/g4549/Public%20reports%20pack%2012th-Sep-2019%2014.30%20Lifelong%20Learning%20Scrutiny%20Committee.pdf?T=10">http://vmmoderngov/documents/g4549/Public%20reports%20pack%2012th-Sep-2019%2014.30%20Lifelong%20Learning%20Scrutiny%20Committee.pdf?T=10</a>