

CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND LIFELONG LEARNING SCRUTINY AND PERFORMANCE PANEL	Agenda Item No. 8
DATE: 8 SEPTEMBER 2005	
WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2005/6	
Ward(s)	All
Portfolios: Councillor Hughes – Children's Services	
Summary of report:	
The report outlines the current position of the work of the panel, and its working groups as agreed at the last meeting of the panel.	
Background papers: None	
Reason for scrutiny:	
To confirm the work programme for the panel for the 2005/6 municipal year, and nominate members to the working groups which have not yet completed their review.	
Signed:
Executive Director:	David Brown
Date: 22 August 2005	

Resource and legal considerations:

In accordance with the constitution the panel may ask persons to attend to address them on matters under consideration and may pay to any advisors, assessors and other persons a reasonable fee and expenses for doing so.

Citizen impact:

All citizens with a relevant interest in a matter will have the ability to contribute to the deliberations of a scrutiny and performance panel.

Environmental impact:

Successful overview and scrutiny can assist in shaping policy to make environmental improvements.

Performance management:

Scrutiny is an important and integral part of the council's performance management framework and can challenge review and advice on service delivery, council activity and policy and improvements.

Equality Implications:

All citizens with a relevant interest in a matter will have the ability to contribute to the deliberations of a scrutiny and performance panel.

Consultation:

Consultation with panel members will be required regarding their views on specific issues to be considered for scrutiny.

Vision 2008:

Identification of issues for scrutiny is aimed at achieving the council's vision.

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1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to inform members of the current position of the work of the panel for the municipal year 2005/6 as agreed at the last meeting. The panel will also need to appoint new members to those working groups which have not yet completed their work.

2. Background

2.1 Social Inclusion and Obesity Working Groups

- 2.1.1 Members will recall that at the last meeting of this panel Councillor Robertson attended as a temporary member to cover the vacancy.

- 2.1.2 The panel proceeded to re-establish the Social Inclusion Working Group and appointed Councillor Robertson as the Working Group's lead member. He was also appointed as the panel's representative on the joint Obesity Working Group, which was re-established by Health Scrutiny Panel at their meeting on 18 August 2005.

- 2.1.3 Councillor Wilkes has now been appointed as the permanent member of the Children's Services and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny and Performance Panel to fill the vacant position. Councillor Robertson is therefore not a member of the panel and cannot therefore represent the panel on its working groups.

- 2.1.4 The panel will, therefore, need to consider nominating members to sit on each of the above working groups.

- 2.1.5 The current members of the Social Inclusion Working Group are as follows:

- Councillor Arif
- Councillor Khan
- Position vacant

- 2.1.6 The first meeting of the working group has been arranged to take place on Tuesday 13 September at 6:00 pm.

- 2.1.7 The representative from the panel on the Obesity working group during the last municipal year was Councillor E.E.Pitt.

- 2.1.8 A date has not yet been set for the next meeting of the Obesity Working Group.

2.2 Work Programme

- 2.2.1 The panel is requested to consider the attached work programme agreed at the last meeting and confirm the contents or amend as appropriate.

3. Resolved

- a. The panel is recommended to confirm the work programme for the municipal year 2005/6
- b. To nominate members to serve on the Social Inclusion Working Group and appoint the lead member for the group.
- c. To nominate a representative to serve on the Obesity Working Group.