

**3 November 2020**

**Work programme 2020/21**

**Ward(s)** All

**Portfolios:** Councillor Chris Towe – Education and Skills

**Report:**

At its meeting on 10 September 2020, the Committee considered and approved the work programme for 2020/21, which is appended to this report.

However, the Committee did not consider whether a working group or groups should be established to carry out any investigations during the municipal year. Therefore, a number of suggested topics are offered for consideration:

- Covid response from Schools, the Local Authority and partners and identification of future impact
- Review of our vulnerable Looked After Children, including our virtual school offer and support to parents/carers, etc.
- Review of co-production and engagement work with parents and carers of children with SEND
- Review of parking in streets near to schools in Walsall due to irresponsible parking by parents who park across driveways, do not observe social distancing and do not wear face coverings. [This topic has been suggested by Councillor Ian Shires, and it could be undertaken jointly with Members from the Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee – to investigate the full extent of this problem across Walsall, to look for good practice elsewhere.]

In view of the limited number of meetings of Committees being held during the current municipal year, Members may also wish to consider whether the establishment of working group(s) might be more effective if carried out during the 2021/22 municipal year.

**Recommendation:**

That the Committee considers whether it wishes to establish a working group or working groups during the 2020/21 municipal year.

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