

**Report to:** Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

**Date:** 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2023

**Report of:** Borough Solicitor

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**Report Title:** **Identification of Issues for Scrutiny/Annual Work Programme  
2023/24**

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**Non-Confidential:** **(Non-Confidential)** This report does **not** contain information which warrants its consideration in the absence of the press or members of the public

**Purpose:** To provide members with the Committee Work Programme for 2023/24.

**Recommendations:** To note the Committee Work Programme for 2023/24

**Decision:**

**Background Doc(s):** The attached report includes a timetabled list of issues identified by the Committee as ones they would like to investigate over the current Municipal Year.

<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2023</b>	<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2023</b>	<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2023</b>	<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2023</b>	<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2024</b>	<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2024</b>
<p>Family Hubs ----- Holiday Activities Fund and Youth Offer ----- 0-19 Services (deferred to August meeting)</p>	<p>Commissioning (including Greater Manchester work) and approaches to Quality Assurance ----- 0-19 Services</p>	<p>SEND Inclusive approaches to education incorporating Safety Valve ----- Transition services for children with disabilities to adulthood</p>	<p>School Places ----- Transport</p>	<p>Inspection updates - Children's Social Care, Joint Targeted Area Inspections (Early Help and Serious Youth Violence), Area SEND, Youth Justice ----- Safeguarding and Child Sexual Exploitation</p>	<p>Attainment, Children Missing Education, International New Arrivals, 16 plus, Children not in Education, Employment or Training ----- Impact of Covid-19 Lockdowns on social development of children in the Borough (particularly those who were in the transition period between primary and secondary education during lockdown) and the longer term impact</p>

### **Other Areas Identified from 2022/23**

- Early help;
- Response to National Social care reforms and the CP review
- Early help- Peer review and revised approaches
- The identification of SEND for pre-school children.

### **Other areas Identified for 2023/24**

- Mental Health Services for Children and Young People – access, sign posting and numbers of children accessing these services in the borough and capacity issues with these services.