



To: Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Board (2)

Date: 14th April 2016

Subject: Work Programme and Review of 2015/16 Scrutiny Activity

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To review the work of the Scrutiny Board carried out during the course of the 2015/16 municipal year and identify any priorities or issues for consideration when planning next year's scrutiny work programme.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Scrutiny Board is asked to review the activities and issues covered by the Board during the year and make any comments or recommendations for consideration as part of work programming and planning for the 2016/17 municipal year.

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 During the year, the Board has met eleven times and considered the items set out in the work programme, included in Appendix 1. The Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Board also completed a task and finish group on Supervision of Social Care staff and several reviews of Serious Case Reviews.

- 3.2 To help with the review, it is suggested that the Board include consideration of the following questions:

- 3.2.1 Recognising that the Board cannot cover everything, the work programme was used to prioritise issues for consideration. There are some issues on the work programme that were not covered during the year and some areas of Cabinet Member portfolios that were not addressed. The national and local policy landscape is also constantly changing.

Are there any issues that should be given priority for next year?

- 3.2.2 During the year, Scrutiny Boards have carried out their business through a range of activities including traditional board meetings, task and finish groups and visits. Boards have gathered evidence from and engaged with Cabinet Members, council officers, partner organisations from the public, private and third sectors and members of the public.

What has worked most effectively and what should be taken into account when planning arrangements for next year?