

Social Services Scrutiny Committee Work Programme Descriptors 2019/20

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Date / Timing PROPOSED	Overarching Item	Officer & Cabinet Member	Scrutiny Focus
11 th June 2019	Annual Forward Work Programme (2019/20)	Cllr. Bill Smith and Social Services Scrutiny Committee Members	Scrutiny & Challenge: - To consider and approve the Forward Work Programme for Social Services (2019/2020).
	Young Carers Annual Report (2018/19)	Annabel Lloyd	Scrutiny & Challenge: - Summary report providing a position statement on the performance within 2018/19, along with any details of issues/barriers experienced and how these have been overcome. The report is also to consider key areas for development and improvement for 2019/20 within Merthyr Tydfil.
	Safeguarding Board Annual Report and Plan (2018/19)	Nicola Kingham and officers / Jon Eyre / Cllr Chris Davies	Scrutiny & Challenge: - To provide a summary of the 2018/19 Safeguarding Board Annual Regional Plan and also identify the key areas of improvement going forward both regionally and in Merthyr Tydfil.
9 th July 2019	Cwm Taf Youth Offending Service (YOS) Annual Report (2018/19)	Annabel Lloyd / Lyndon Lewis	<p>Scrutiny & Challenge: - The Youth Offending Service (YOS) is a multi-agency team which is made up of members of the Police, Probation, Health, Education, Substance Misuse and Social Services; as well as other specific to the team. The YOS deals with young people between the ages of 10 and 18 who are involved in the criminal justice system and those who are just on the periphery of becoming involved in the system. The Cwm Taf Youth Offending Service (YOS) last presented a progress update report to scrutiny on 24th July 2018 based on the Post Inspection Action Plan.</p> <p>The committee requires a position statement on the performance within the Cwm Taf region (2018/19), along with any details of issues/barriers experienced and how these have been overcome. The report is also to consider key areas for development and improvement for 2019/20 within Merthyr Tydfil.</p>
	Reconfiguration of Homes	Lisa Curtis-Jones / Chris Davies/ Lowri Morgan / Angela Edevane	Scrutiny & Challenge: - This report is to include an update and feedback from the recent consultation and a detailed plan prior to its submission to Full Council.
	ACRF - Annual Report on Social Services (2018/19)	Lisa Curtis-Jones / Cllr Chris Davis / Annabel Lloyd / Angela Edevane / Lorna Townsend	Scrutiny & Challenge: - The Draft ACRF was brought to Scrutiny on 7 th May 2019 to provide comment and challenge as a part of the Consultation process. This report should contain all further updates from any additional consultation and previous comments made by Scrutiny, before submitting to Full Council.

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	Mental Health Inspection (2019/20?) Feedback Report	Angela Edevane / Alyson Jones	Scrutiny & Challenge: - The report should consider the strengths and development areas highlighted within the recent Mental Health Inspection feedback report, and also to consider key areas for improvement within Merthyr Tydfil for 2019/20.
	Forward Work Programme	Chair and Committee Members	Scrutiny and Challenge: - To review the items due to be presented at the next Committee meeting, ensuring a clear brief of the Committee's expectations are available to report authors who will be drafting the report.
17 th September 2019	Mid-year update on Social Services Complaints, Representations and Compliments Report.	Lisa Curtis-Jones	<p>Scrutiny & Challenge: - Local Authorities are required to the Social Services Complaints Procedure (Wales) Regulations 2014 and the Representations Procedure (Wales) Regulations 2014 to produce an Annual Report about the operation of their Social Services Complaints, Representations and Compliments Policy and Procedures.</p> <p>The annual report (2018/19) was presented to Scrutiny on 12th March 2019. The committee has requested a mid-year (2019/20) report be brought back for consideration and challenge. The committee expects further information on complaints within the report (e.g. the areas the complaints were made, what processes etc. has been changed/introduced in order to reduce the number of complaints etc.).</p>
	Adult Services Strategies (2019/20) Q2/mid-year update	Angela Edevane/Lowri Morgan	Scrutiny & Challenge: - The Head of Adult Services will provide a mid-year update on strategies applicable to Adult Social Services.
	A mid-year update on Cwm Taf Integrated Family Support Team (IFST) (2019/20) <i>This report is no longer required as MTCBC has withdrawn from this collaboration (agreed by Chair on 5th Aug 2019).</i>	Annabel Lloyd	Scrutiny & Challenge: - To provide a regional mid-year position statement on the Cwm Taf IFST services, and also provide an update on the Edge of Care Service (EOC) within MTCBC.
	Self-Evaluation Findings: Question 1: Outcomes	Cllr Chris Davies / Lisa Curtis Jones / Annabel Lloyd / Angela Edevane	Scrutiny and Challenge: Made up of 3 key questions the re-focused self-evaluation process supports Chief Officers and service teams to reflect on what they achieved and identify and set priorities for improvement. The Committee will receive the service's response to the first of the key questions which is linked to Outcomes. They will be required to

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8 th October 2019	Children Services Strategies (2019/20) Q2/mid-year update	Annabel Lloyd	Scrutiny & Challenge: - The Head of Children's Services will provide a mid-year update on strategies applicable to Children's Social Services.
	Budget Position Statement (2019/20) Q2/mid-year update	Lisa Curtis-Jones / Cllr Chris Davies / Stacey Evans	Scrutiny & Challenge: - A report is to be presented to Scrutiny providing an update on Social Services budget for Quarter 1 and Quarter 2, areas of likely overspend and the measures that have been put in place to help reduce any overspend within the department.
	A mid-year update on the Safeguarding Board Annual Report and Plan (2019/20)	Nicola Kingham and officers / Jon Eyre / Cllr Chris Davies	Scrutiny & Challenge: - To provide a summary of the 2018/19 Safeguarding Board Annual Regional Plan and also identify the key areas of improvement going forward both regionally and in Merthyr Tydfil.
	Forward Work Programme	Chair and Committee Members	Scrutiny and Challenge: - To review the items due to be presented at the next Committee meeting, ensuring a clear brief of the Committee's expectations are available to report authors who will be drafting the report.
10 th December 2019 17th December 2019	Vale, Valleys And Cardiff Adoption Collaborative (VVC) Annual Report (2018/19) and 2019/20 Merthyr Tydfil update This has been deferred to 10th March 2020.	Annabel Lloyd	Scrutiny & Challenge: - This report is to provide a regional annual position summary (2018/19) along with a current position update on this service within Merthyr Tydfil (2019/20).
	SS&WB Regional Plan – progress update (2019/20) Q2/mid-year update	Lisa Curtis-Jones	Scrutiny & Challenge: - This report is to provide a regional annual position summary (2018/19) along with a current position update on this service within Merthyr Tydfil (2019/20).

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	A mid-year update on Young Carers	Annabel Lloyd	Scrutiny & Challenge: - A report is to be presented to Scrutiny with a mid-year update on Carers Strategy and the impact it is having on the Young Carers. Details should also be provided on any issues/barriers experienced and how these have been overcome or how you plan to overcome them.
	Self-Evaluation Findings: Question 2: Outcomes This has been deferred to 21st January 2020	Cllr Chris Davies / Lisa Curtis Jones / Annabel Lloyd / Angela Edevane	Scrutiny and Challenge: Made up of 3 key questions the re-focused self-evaluation process supports Chief Officers and service teams to reflect on what they achieved and identify and set priorities for improvement. The Committee will receive the service's response to the first of the key questions which is linked to Outcomes. They will be required to scrutinise the proforma outlining the findings of the process (along with relevant supporting evidence); and review the validity of the judgment ascribed.
	Forward Work Programme	Chair and Committee Members	Scrutiny and Challenge: - To review the items due to be presented at the next Committee meeting, ensuring a clear brief of the Committee's expectations are available to report authors who will be drafting the report.
21 st January 2020	Self-Evaluation Findings: Question 2: Provision and Service delivery This has been deferred from 17th December 2019	Cllr Chris Davies / Lisa Curtis Jones / Annabel Lloyd / Angela Edevane	Scrutiny and Challenge: Made up of 3 key questions the re-focused self-evaluation process supports Chief Officers and service teams to reflect on what they achieved and identify and set priorities for improvement. The Committee will receive the service's response to the first of the key questions which is linked to Outcomes. They will be required to scrutinise the proforma outlining the findings of the process (along with relevant supporting evidence); and review the validity of the judgment ascribed.
	Adult Services Strategies (2019/20) Q3 update	Angela Edevane	Scrutiny & Challenge: - The Head of Adult Services will provide a mid-year update on strategies applicable to Adult Social Services.
	Corporate Parenting Update	Annabel Lloyd	Scrutiny & Challenge: - To provide data and performance in relation to Corporate Parenting
	Budget Position Statement (2019/20) update	Lisa Curtis-Jones / Cllr Chris Davies / Stacey Evans	Scrutiny & Challenge: - A report is to be presented to Scrutiny providing an update on Social Services budget for Quarter 1, 2 and 3, and areas of likely overspend and the measures that have been put in place to help reduce any overspend within the department. This report should also give any details of issues/barriers experienced and how these have been overcome.
	Forward Work Programme	Chair and Committee Members	Scrutiny and Challenge: - To review the items due to be presented at the next Committee meeting, ensuring a clear brief of the Committee's expectations are available to report authors who will be drafting the report.

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10 th March 2020	Children Services Strategies (2019/20) Q3/end of year update	Annabel Lloyd	Scrutiny & Challenge: - The Head of Children's Services will provide a Quarter 3/end of year update on strategies applicable to Children's Social Services.
	Self-Evaluation Findings: Question 3: Outcomes Due to Storm Dennis, this item has been deferred to 5th May (as agreed by the Chair on 20th February)	Cllr Chris Davies / Lisa Curtis Jones / Annabel Lloyd / Angela Edevane	Scrutiny and Challenge: Made up of 3 key questions the re-focused self-evaluation process supports Chief Officers and service teams to reflect on what they achieved and identify and set priorities for improvement. The Committee will receive the service's response to the first of the key questions which is linked to Outcomes. They will be required to scrutinise the proforma outlining the findings of the process (along with relevant supporting evidence); and review the validity of the judgment ascribed.
	Vale, Valleys And Cardiff Adoption Collaborative (VVC) Annual Report (2018/19) and 2019/20 Merthyr Tydfil update This has been deferred from 17th December 2019.	Annabel Lloyd	Scrutiny & Challenge: - This report is to provide a regional annual position summary (2018/19) along with a current position update on this service within Merthyr Tydfil (2019/20).
	Adult Services Accommodation Strategy For Older People And Adults With A Learning Disability 2020-2030 This report has been requested by the officer and agreed by the Chair on 30th January 2020, to be placed on this agenda.	Angela Edevane	Scrutiny & Challenge: - The Draft Adult Services Accommodation Strategy For Older People And Adults With A Learning Disability 2020-2030 is to be presented at scrutiny to provide comment and challenge as a part of the Consultation process. This report should contain all further updates from any additional consultation and comments made by Scrutiny where possible, before submitting to Full Council.

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5 th May 2020	Annual Complaints Report (2019/20) End of year update	Lisa Curtis-Jones	Scrutiny & Challenge: - Local Authorities are required to the Social Services Complaints Procedure (Wales) Regulations 2014 and the Representations Procedure (Wales) Regulations 2014 to produce an Annual Report about the operation of their Social Services Complaints, Representations and Compliments Policy and Procedures. A mid-year report (2019/20) was presented to Scrutiny in September 2019. The committee has requested an end of year report (2019/20) for consideration and challenge. The report should include any details of issues/barriers experienced and how these have been overcome. The report is also to identify key areas for development and improvement for 2020/21.
	ACRF Report (2019/20) (consultation)	Lisa Curtis-Jones	Scrutiny & Challenge: - Following a consultation workshop with Scrutiny Members; a report summarising key messages from the Annual Report on Social Services 2019/2020 will be presented for information.
	Self-Evaluation Findings: Question 3: Outcomes Due to Storm Dennis, this item has been deferred from 10th March (as agreed by the Chair on 20th February)	Cllr Chris Davies / Lisa Curtis Jones / Annabel Lloyd / Angela Edevane	Scrutiny and Challenge: Made up of 3 key questions the re-focused self-evaluation process supports Chief Officers and service teams to reflect on what they achieved and identify and set priorities for improvement. The Committee will receive the service's response to the first of the key questions, which is linked to Outcomes. They will be required to scrutinise the proforma outlining the findings of the process (along with relevant supporting evidence); and review the validity of the judgment ascribed.
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Additional items to consider for Work			
Date to be confirmed	LAC Work (Welsh Government visit)	This would be better delivered in the form of a presentation when the information is available.	

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Date to be confirmed	Fostering Inspection Report and Fostering Framework Report		
Date to be confirmed	Advocacy Annual Report		
Date to be confirmed	Self Evaluation Reports	Early indication would suggest there are three reports throughout the scrutiny cycle (1 report per SER question).	
Date to be confirmed	Possibility of a Joint Scrutiny with Learning and LGES	Possible topics to consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational Achievements of Children Looked After (CLA) and Care Leavers; • Tackling Poverty; • Community Zones; and • Early Years Learning. 	
	Violence against Women Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Annual report 2018/19)	Lisa Curtis-Jones / Annabel Lloyd / Cllr Chris Davies / Deborah Evans (SMT) / Paul Lewis	<p>Scrutiny & Challenge: - Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council is a member of the Cwm Taf Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) Steering Group, which is the lead partnership taking forward the Cwm Taf regions implementation of the Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015.</p> <p>The Committee would like to receive a summary report providing a position statement on 'Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence' within the Cwm Taf region (2018/19). The report should include any details of issues/barriers experienced and how these have been overcome. The report is also to consider key areas for development and improvement for 2019/20 within Merthyr Tydfil.</p>