

Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)

Date: 21 April 2016

Subject: Work Schedule

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the Scrutiny Board's work schedule for the current municipal year and determine if scrutiny focus is required on any work areas during the 2016/17 municipal year.

2 Main Issues

- 2.1 The 2015/16 work schedule is attached as appendix 1.
- 2.2 Also attached as appendix 2 is the minutes of Executive Board for 9th March 2016
- 2.3 On the 29th of March the Scrutiny Board (Children's Services) received a request for scrutiny from the Governing Body of Gledhow Primary School. Following consultation will all members of the Scrutiny Board, Cllr Bentley responded advising that scrutiny as the municipal year concludes (re-commencing again in June) would not provide the reassurances needed in a timely manner. Officers will be tasked by the Chief Executive to provide the appropriate responses, however the Scrutiny Board (Children's Services) will expect a comprehensive progress report in the initial part of the next municipal year which outlines activity, resolutions and outcomes relevant to the scrutiny request.

3. Recommendations

3.1 Members are asked to:

- a) Consider the work schedule and make recommendations for scrutiny work for the 2016/17 work programme.
- b) Note the Executive Board minutes
- c) Recommend that the reconstituted Scrutiny Board (Children's Services) consider the inclusion of a comprehensive progress report in their 2016/17 work programme at their June 2016 meeting regarding the request for scrutiny from the Governing Body of Gledhow Primary School.

4. **Background papers**¹ - None used

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.