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**Report of Head of Governance and Scrutiny Support**

**Report to Scrutiny Board (Children and Families)**

**Date: 15 June 2017**

**Subject: Scrutiny Board Terms of Reference**

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

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**Summary of main issues**

1. This report presents the terms of reference for Scrutiny Board (Children and Families) for Members' information.

**Recommendation**

2. Members are requested to note the Scrutiny Board's terms of reference.

## 1.0 Purpose of this report

1.1 This report presents the terms of reference for Scrutiny Board (Children and Families).

## 2.0 Background information

### Scrutiny Board's terms of reference

2.1 This year, one document has been developed to define the Terms of Reference of all Scrutiny Boards (see Appendix 1). In doing so, the variations in the Scrutiny Boards' remit, together with their special responsibilities, are now captured within Article 6 of the constitution (see Appendix 2).

2.2 More detailed information surrounding the Scrutiny Board's alignment with relevant officer delegated functions is also attached as Appendix 3. The alignment of 14-16 Skills Development is no longer with Scrutiny Board (Children and Families) but is now aligned with Scrutiny Board (Inclusive Growth, Culture and Sport).<sup>1</sup>

2.3 In terms of Executive Members, the Scrutiny Board's role encompasses the areas of responsibility assigned to:

- **Executive Member for Children and Families<sup>2</sup> - Cllr Lisa Mulherin**

- Safeguarding, Specialist and Targeted Services including:-
  - a) Preventative Services;
  - b) Safeguarding and Child Protection;
  - c) Assessment and Care Management;
  - d) Complex Needs;
  - e) Residential and Respite Care;
  - f) Support For Carers; and
  - g) Youth Offending Services.
- Learning, Skills and Universal Services including:-
  - h) Early Years Provision;
  - i) Access to education;
  - j) Special Educational Needs;
  - k) Promotion of educational excellence; and
  - f) Development of active citizens.
- Child Poverty

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<sup>1</sup> Support the development of a diverse learning offer including University Technical Colleges, Studio Schools, Direct College enrolment and Free Schools, Support the development of academic, technical and vocational pathways that contribute to local labour market needs; Promote the opportunities available to young people at 14; and Promotion of business engagement in schools and colleges through high quality Careers Education, Information, Advice And Guidance.

<sup>2</sup> The Executive Member for Children's Services is the Lead Member for Children's Services appointed in accordance with the Section 19 of the Children Act 2004 and must therefore have responsibility for the functions conferred on or exercisable by the authority specified in S18(1)(a) and (b) of the Children Act 2004 and such other functions as the authority consider appropriate.

### **3.0 Corporate Considerations**

#### **3.1 Consultation and Engagement**

3.1.1 These terms of reference were formally considered and approved by Council on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

#### **3.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration.**

3.2.1 In line with the Scrutiny Board Procedure Rules, the Scrutiny Boards will continue to ensure through service review that equality and diversity/cohesion and integration issues are considered in decision making and policy formulation.

#### **3.3 Council Policies and the Best Council Plan**

3.3.1 The terms of reference of the Scrutiny Board will continue to promote a strategic and outward looking Scrutiny function that focuses on the Best Council Plan.

#### **3.4 Resources and Value for Money**

3.4.1 This report has no specific resource and value for money implications.

#### **3.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

3.5.1 This report has no specific legal implications.

#### **3.6 Risk Management**

3.6.1 This report has no risk management implications.

### **4.0 Recommendation**

4.1 Members are requested to note the Scrutiny Board's terms of reference.

### **5.0 Background documents<sup>3</sup>**

5.1 None

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<sup>3</sup> 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.