

WORK PROGRAMME 2021 - 2022
Business and Children's (BC) Policy and Scrutiny Committee

ROUND SIX 31st March 2022		
Agenda Item	Reasons & objective for item	Represented by
Cabinet Member Q&A	To update the committee on key areas of work within its remit and the Cabinet Member's priorities	Cabinet Member for Young people and Learning, Cllr Tim Barnes
Cabinet Member Q&A	To update the committee on key areas of work within its remit and the Cabinet Member's priorities	Cabinet Member for Business, Licensing and Planning, Matthew Green
Westminster Investment Service	To receive an update from the Westminster Investment Service and to review its priorities	Nathan Vasey, (Westminster Investment Service Manager) Haylea Asadi (Director Regeneration and Economic Dev)

UNALLOCATED ITEMS		
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Affordable Housing (Planning Perspective)	To review the viability of a development whilst delivering on affordable housing unit targets	Ezra Wallace (Director of Policy and Projects) Fergus Coleman (Head of Affordable Housing and Strategy) Marina Molla Bolta (Policy Officer (Planning))
AI-Fresco Dining Scheme	To review the future of AI-Fresco dining in Westminster and to review what works best for residents and businesses ahead of summer 2022.	Ruchi Chakravarty (Head of Place Shaping) Debbie Jackson, Executive Director for Growth, Planning and Housing
Social Care Review 2021	To hear how the Council intends to implement recommended changes from the Children's Social Care Review 2021 [Please Note: Review is yet to be completed]	Sarah Newman, Bi-Borough Executive Director of Children's Services
NEET & Apprenticeships	To hear an update from the NEET task group set up by the Cabinet Member for Business & Planning and the Cabinet Member for Young People & Learning.	
Out of Area Care Placements and Semi-Independent Accommodation	To scrutinise the use of out of area care placements and semi-independent accommodation for looked after children	Sarah Newman, Bi-Borough Executive Director of Children's Services

TASK GROUPS AND STUDIES

Subject	Reasons & objective	Type
Children and Young People's Mental Health and Well-being	To understand the impact of the pandemic on children and young people's mental health in the Borough, what services Westminster provides and what can be improved	Research Task Group
The Mound	To scrutinise the Marble Arch Mound	Extraordinary Meeting (27 OCT 2021)
Licensing	To review in detail the Council's licensing policy	

Appendix 2. Terms of Reference

BUSINESS AND CHILDREN'S POLICY AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

COMPOSITION

Eight (8) Members of the Council (five Majority Party Members and three Minority Party Members), but shall not include a Member of the Cabinet.

Four (4) co-opted Members with voting rights i.e. one co-opted representative each from the Church of England and Roman Catholic Diocesan Education Boards and two Parent Governor Representatives. 2 co-opted Members without voting rights, i.e. two Headteachers of Westminster maintained schools.

NB: The voting rights of the co-opted only extend to matters relating to Education.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

(a) To carry out the Policy and Scrutiny functions, as set out in Article 6 of the Constitution in respect of matters relating to all those duties within the terms of reference of the Cabinet Member for Business, Licensing and Planning and the Cabinet Member for Young People and Learning.

(b) To carry out the Policy and Scrutiny function in respect of matters within the remit of the Council's non-executive Committees and Sub-Committees, which are within the broad remit of the Committee, in accordance with paragraph 13 (a) of the Policy and Scrutiny procedure rules.

(c) Matters within the broad remit of the Cabinet Members referred to in (a) above which are the responsibility of external agencies and in particular to scrutinise matters relating to the provision of Health Services within Westminster, including the consideration of any reports referred by the local Health Watch.

(d) To scrutinise the duties of the Lead Members which fall within the remit of the Committee or as otherwise allocated by the Westminster Scrutiny Commission.

(e) To scrutinise any Bi-borough proposals which impact on service areas that fall within the Committee's terms of reference.

(f) Any other matter allocated by the Westminster Scrutiny Commission.

(g) To have the power to establish ad hoc or Standing Sub-Committees as Task Groups to carry out the scrutiny of functions within these terms of reference.

(h) To oversee any issues relating to Performance within the Committee's terms of reference.

(i) To have the power to scrutinise those partner organisations that are relevant to the remit of the Committee.

(j) To consider any Councillor Calls for Action referred by a Ward Member to the Committee.

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