

Scrutiny Activity 2019/20

The table below provides a summary of Scrutiny activity and oversight carried out during 2019/20. This includes updates to seek assurances on service provision and outcomes.

Scrutiny activity and oversight (June 2019 to February 2020)

Place and External Relations	Integrated Care and Wellbeing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GM Clean Air Proposals and Public Conversation • Quality and standards in the private rented sector • Peer Review of Healthy Spaces • Highways and Flood Prevention • Housing Strategy • LGSCO focus reports and shared learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Housing Benefit • Corporate Plan / Performance Monitoring • Cooperative Council update • Mid-year budget update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality of Care Homes • Children's Services Improvement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recruitment and Retention of Foster Carers • Peer Review of Domestic Abuse • Urgent Treatment Centre / Winter Preparedness • Living Well at Home • LGSCO focus reports and shared learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SEND • Corporate Plan / Performance Monitoring • Cooperative Council update • Mid-year budget update <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Children's Working Group</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcomes from activity and recommendations to the Executive on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reading - Attendance / Exclusions • Children's mental health and wellbeing • Children's Services – Sustainability Projects

In-depth reviews

The following in-depth reviews have been carried out during 2019/20:

Place and External Relations Scrutiny Panel - a review was completed on Quality and Standards in the Private Rented Sector. Report and Executive Response presented at Overview Panel on 18 November 2019. Scrutiny will remain involved in consultation and developments to inform the local approach.

Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel - a review was completed on the Recruitment and Retention of Foster Carers. Report and Executive Response presented at the joint meeting of Executive Cabinet and Overview Panel on 12 February 2020. Scrutiny to periodically review the impact of sustainability projects directly aimed to improve fostering placements and outcomes.

The Children's Working Group has remained in place as a fixed sub-group of the Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel. The group includes co-opted members and has reviewed Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing; and Early Help projects within Children's Services.

Consultation and Engagement

Scrutiny will remain suitably informed of open consultations at a local, regional and national level. Past responses include:

- Over the Counter Medicines – 14 September 2018
- Greater Manchester Clean Air Conversation – 30 June 2019
- New Rent Standard – 30 July 2019
- Domestic Abuse Services – 2 August 2019
- VCSE in Greater Manchester – 30 September 2019
- A New Deal for Renting – 12 October 2019
- Greater Manchester – Doing Buses Differently – 8 January 2020

Regular Updates

All Scrutiny Panel members will continue to receive regular update emails that provide access to scrutiny resources and the opportunity for councillors to contribute and share any consultation and engagement material. The emails create a further opportunity to inform members how the work of Scrutiny is shared with the Executive and reported within the Council.