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Report to: People and Families Policy and Scrutiny Committee	
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County Divisions affected: Not applicable	

1. Introduction

1.1 The current work programme for the Committee is attached.

2. Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked:
 - (i) to consider this report and work programme in the Appendix and any further development or amendments;
 - (ii) to discuss further suggestions for briefings/scrutiny work, mindful of the comments made under 3.2 below.

3. Background

3.1 Briefings and training

Further briefings and discussion days will continue to be scheduled on an ongoing basis as identified and required.

3.2 Formal committee activity

The current work programme continues to be a live document, developed as a result of work planning sessions and subsequent ongoing discussions between the Chairman and Lead Members, and within full committee. Since the last meeting, and mindful of the limited time prior to the County Council elections next year, the Chairman and Vice Chairmen have reviewed the remaining items to be scheduled prior to the start of the pre-election period next March.

3.3 Task and Finish Group activity

A Task and Finish Group review of domiciliary care has started and is scheduled to complete early in 2021.

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3.4 Chairman and Vice Chairmen meetings

The Chairman and Vice Chairmen meet monthly in between scheduled meetings of the Committee to discuss work planning and meet officers as part of preparation for future items. The Chairman and Vice Chairmen also meet the Cabinet Members for Education, Children & Families, and Health and Adult Social Care on a regular basis.

4. Update and Next Steps

See Appendix.

5. List of Appendices –

Work Programme overleaf.