

Lancashire County Council

Internal Scrutiny Committee

Friday, 11th September, 2020 at 10.00 am to be held as a Virtual Skype Meeting

Agenda

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

No. Item

1. Apologies

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Members are asked to consider any Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests they may have to disclose to the meeting in relation to matters under consideration on the Agenda.

3. Constitution: Membership; Chair and Deputy Chair; and Terms of Reference (Pages 1 - 8)

4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 July 2020 (Pages 9 - 14)

5. Lancashire's Response to Covid-19 (Pages 15 - 16)

6. Work Planning 2020/21 (Pages 17 - 24)

7. Urgent Business

An item of urgent business may only be considered under this heading where, by reason of special circumstances to be recorded in the Minutes, the Chair of the meeting is of the opinion that the item should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency. Wherever possible, the Chief Executive should be given advance warning of any Member's intention to raise a matter under this heading.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Internal Scrutiny Committee will be held on Friday 13 November 2020 at 10:00am.

County Hall
Preston

L Sales
Director of Corporate Services

Internal Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on Friday 11 September 2020

Electoral Division affected: All Divisions

Constitution: Chair and Deputy Chair; Membership; Terms of Reference (Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

This report sets out the constitution, membership, chair and deputy chair and terms of reference of the Internal Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the municipal year 2020/21.

Recommendation

The Internal Scrutiny Committee is asked to note:

1. The appointment of County Councillors David O'Toole and Matthew Salter as Chair and Deputy Chair of the Committee for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year;
2. The Membership of the Committee following the County Council's Annual Meeting on 16 July 2020; and
3. The Terms of Reference of the Committee.

Background and Advice

The County Council at its meeting on the 16 July 2020, approved the constitution of the Internal Scrutiny Committee as being 12 members comprising of 7 from the Conservative group, 4 from the Labour group and 1 from either the Liberal Democrat or Independent group.

The following members were appointed by their respective groups:

County Councillors (12):

T Ashton	D O'Toole
C Crompton	P Rigby
J Fillis	M Salter
D Foxcroft	P Steen

S Holgate
E Lewis

G Wilkins
1 TBC

The Committee's Terms of Reference are set out at Appendix 'A'.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

There are no risk management implications arising from this item.

**Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers**

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

Part 2 – Article 5 (Overview and Scrutiny)

The council has established the following Overview and Scrutiny Committees:

Committee	Responsibility	Membership
Internal Scrutiny Committee	Review and Scrutinise decisions, actions and work of the Council	12 County Councillors
Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee	To review and scrutinise issues around: education services provided by the council including those education functions of a Children's Services authority; and Children and young people's services including the statutory powers of a scrutiny committee as they relate to the NHS.	16 County Councillors, 5 voting co-optees, (comprising three Church representatives and two parent governor representatives) who shall have voting rights in relation to any education functions which are the responsibility of the Executive, and one non-voting co-optee representing the Youth Council.
Health Scrutiny Committee	Statutory responsibility for scrutiny of adult and universal health services	12 County Councillors, plus 12 non-voting co-opted members, nominated by the 12 district councils
External Scrutiny Committee	Review and scrutinise issues, services and activities carried out by external organisations	12 County Councillors

All Overview and Scrutiny Committees have the following Terms of Reference:

1. To review decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge of any functions which are undertaken by the Cabinet collectively, or in the case of urgent decisions which cannot await a Cabinet meeting by the Leader of the Council (or in his/her absence the Deputy Leader) and the relevant Cabinet Member, or Cabinet committees.
2. To make reports or recommendations to the Full Council, the Cabinet, the Leader, Deputy Leader or other Cabinet Members as necessary or

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Cabinet committees with respect to the discharge of any functions which are undertaken by them or in respect of any functions which are not the responsibility of the Cabinet.

3. To hold general policy reviews and to assist in the development of future policies and strategies (whether requested by the Full Council or the Cabinet, individual Cabinet members, Cabinet committees, or decided by the Committee itself) and, after consulting with any appropriate interested parties, to make recommendations to the Cabinet, individual Cabinet members, Cabinet committees, Full Council or external organisations as appropriate.
4. To consider any matter brought to it following a request by a County Councillor or a Co-optee of the Committee who wishes the issue to be considered.
5. To consider requests for "Call In" in accordance with the Procedural Standing Orders – Overview and Scrutiny Rules at Appendix C – Appendix 3 of the Constitution
6. To request a report by the Cabinet to Full Council where a decision which was not treated as being a key decision has been made and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is of the opinion that the decision should have been treated as a key decision
7. To request the Internal Scrutiny Committee to establish task groups and other working groups and panels as necessary.
8. To request that the Internal Scrutiny Committee establish as necessary joint working arrangements with district councils and other neighbouring authorities
9. To invite to any meeting of the Committee and permit to participate in discussion and debate, but not to vote, any person not a County Councillor whom the Committee considers would assist it in carrying out its functions.
10. To require any Councillor, an Executive Director or a senior officer nominated by him/her to attend any meeting of the Committee to answer questions and discuss issues.

Internal Scrutiny Committee

1. To review and scrutinise all services provided by the authority, unless specifically covered by the Terms of Reference of another Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
2. To consider matters relating to the general effectiveness and development of Overview and Scrutiny in the authority including training for county councillors and co-optees.

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3. To consider requests from the other Overview and Scrutiny Committees on the establishment of task groups, and to establish, task groups, and other working groups and panels as necessary, as well as joint working arrangements with District councils and other neighbouring authorities including joint committees to exercise the statutory function of joint health scrutiny committees under the NHS Act 2006.
4. To determine which Overview and Scrutiny Committee considers a particular matter where this is not clear.
5. To establish arrangements for the scrutiny of member development, and receive reports from the Member Development Working Group.
6. To recommend the Full Council to co-opt on to a Committee persons with appropriate expertise, without voting rights

Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

1. To scrutinise matters relating to education delivered by the authority and other relevant partners.
2. To fulfil all the statutory functions of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as they relate to education functions of a Children's Services Authority.
3. To scrutinise matters relating to services for Children and Young People delivered by the authority and other relevant partners.

The following provisions relating to scrutiny of health and social care relate to services for children and young people:

4. To review and scrutinise any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of the health service in the area and make reports and recommendations to NHS bodies as appropriate.
5. In reviewing any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of the health service in the area, to invite interested parties to comment on the matter and take account of relevant information available, particularly that provided by the Local Healthwatch.
6. To review and scrutinise any local services planned or provided by other agencies which contribute towards the health improvement and the reduction of health inequalities in Lancashire and to make recommendations to those agencies, as appropriate.
7. In the case of contested NHS proposals for substantial service changes, to take steps to reach agreement with the NHS body.

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8. In the case of contested NHS proposals for substantial service changes where agreement cannot be reached with the NHS, to refer the matter to the relevant Secretary of State.
9. To refer to the relevant Secretary of State any NHS proposal which the Committee feels has been the subject of inadequate consultation.
10. To scrutinise the social care services provided or commissioned by NHS bodies exercising local authority functions under Section 31 of the Health Act 1999.
11. To draw up a forward programme of health scrutiny in consultation with other local authorities, NHS partners, the Local Healthwatch and other key stakeholders.
12. To acknowledge within 20 working days to referrals on relevant matters from the Local Healthwatch or Local Healthwatch contractor, and to keep the referrer informed of any action taken in relation to the matter.
13. To require the Chief Executives of local NHS bodies to attend before the Committee to answer questions, and to invite the chairs and nonexecutive directors of local NHS bodies to appear before the Committee to give evidence.
14. To invite any officer of any NHS body to attend before the Committee to answer questions or give evidence.

Health Scrutiny Committee

1. To scrutinise matters relating to health and adult social care delivered by the authority, the National Health Service and other relevant partners.
2. In reviewing any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of the health service in the area, to invite interested parties to comment on the matter and take account of relevant information available, particularly that provided by the Local Healthwatch
3. In the case of contested NHS proposals for substantial service changes, to take steps to reach agreement with the NHS body
4. In the case of contested NHS proposals for substantial service changes where agreement cannot be reached with the NHS, to refer the matter to the relevant Secretary of State.
5. To refer to the relevant Secretary of State any NHS proposal which the Committee feels has been the subject of inadequate consultation.
6. To scrutinise the social care services provided or commissioned by NHS bodies exercising local authority functions under the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

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7. To request that the Internal Scrutiny Committee establish as necessary joint working arrangements with district councils and other neighbouring authorities.
8. To draw up a forward programme of health scrutiny in consultation with other local authorities, NHS partners, the Local Healthwatch and other key stakeholders.
9. To acknowledge within 20 working days to referrals on relevant matters from the Local Healthwatch or Local Healthwatch contractor, and to keep the referrer informed of any action taken in relation to the matter.
10. To require the Chief Executives of local NHS bodies to attend before the Committee to answer questions, and to invite the chairs and non-executive directors of local NHS bodies to appear before the Committee to give evidence.
11. To invite any officer of any NHS body to attend before the Committee to answer questions or give evidence.
12. To recommend the Full Council to co-opt on to the Committee persons with appropriate expertise in relevant health matters, without voting rights.
13. To establish and make arrangements for a Health Steering Group the main purpose of which to be to manage the workload of the full Committee more effectively in the light of the increasing number of changes to health services.

External Scrutiny Committee

1. To review and scrutinise issues, services or activities carried out by external organisations including public bodies, the voluntary and private sectors, partnerships and traded services which affect Lancashire or its inhabitants, and to make recommendations to the Full Council, Cabinet, Cabinet Members, Cabinet committees or external organisations as appropriate.
2. To review and scrutinise the operation of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership in Lancashire in accordance with the Police and Justice Act 2006 and make reports and recommendations to the responsible bodies as appropriate
3. In connection with 2. above, to require an officer or employee of any of the responsible bodies to attend before the Committee to answer questions
4. To co-opt additional members in accordance with the Police and Justice Act 2006 if required, and to determine whether those co-opted members should be voting or non-voting

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5. To review and scrutinise the exercise by risk management authorities of flood risk management functions or coastal erosion risk management functions which may affect the local authority's area

Lancashire County Council

Internal Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday, 10th July, 2020 at 10.00 am in Skype Virtual Meeting - Skype

Present:

County Councillor David O'Toole (Chair)

County Councillors

M Salter	E Nash
C Crompton	P Rigby
J Fillis	P Steen
S Holgate	D Whipp
E Lewis	G Wilkins
S C Morris	

County Councillor Stuart Morris replaced County Councillor Tim Ashton for this meeting.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None were disclosed.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 March 2020

Resolved: The minutes from the meeting held on 13 March 2020 were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

4. Redefining Lancashire: Our Approach to Recovery

The Chair welcomed Stephen Young, Executive Director of Growth, Environment and Transport, to the meeting. An update was presented to the committee on how the county council was Redefining Lancashire: Our Approach to Recovery, looking at Lancashire and its recovery from Covid-19, in particularly the economic impact the pandemic had on the county.

Lancashire County Council was expecting the county's economy to drop by 20-25% over the last three months. The county council had to be proactive in its response and put Lancashire on the map with a strong and ambitious plan. The county council wanted a strong evidence based conversation with the Government underpinning the county council's key asks.

There were three key asks to Government:

- Opening up Lancashire safely, particularly businesses in town centres and tourism.
- Backing for major industries badly hit by Covid-19, particularly the aerospace industry.
- A strategic infrastructure request, particularly around road and rail and a strong Broadband and IT infrastructure.

The next step was to develop the Greater Lancashire Plan for Government as well as having an industrial strategy for the county. There had to be continued dialogue with Government.

A number of issues were raised by members and the following was noted:

- There was a Skills Swap Initiative in Lancashire where business could contact a central hub explaining what surplus skills they had and other businesses could contact the hub stating what their skill needs were. In supporting staff, a one stop website had been developed with over 50 organisations with different areas of skills and expertise had come together. They were talking to furloughed staff and staff at risk of redundancy about reskilling and retraining. They were also providing support to people starting small businesses. The county council was also supporting young people who had been hit hard by the closure of schools.
- The county council was working with experts in the industry around staff working from home and the impact this would have on the local economy and small businesses nearby offices.
- The committee felt there were opportunities to be had following the pandemic. There could be focus on the production of clean and green energy and other environmental initiatives. This was a key part of Lancashire County Council's thinking. It was looking at a scheme to produce green renewable energy. It was also looking at the use of logistic parks.
- Members were informed that the Greater Lancashire Plan would set the county's priorities and the things that Lancashire wanted to achieve.
- The document that had been sent to Government was basically an 'ask of money' from Government. The committee enquired how the county council could be certain it had engaged with local people in producing this plan. Due to the extremely tight deadlines involved the document produced was the best that could be created in the timeframe available.
- Advanced manufacturing and the tourism industry had been badly hit by the Coronavirus crisis and this was one of the main aspects of the plan.
- In terms of the number of people on furlough, Lancashire had similar rates to other industrial areas. There was a higher number of people that had been furloughed in advanced manufacturing and the hospitality trade.
- The county council was working together with district councils in pulling together a comprehensive list of schemes regarding Lancashire's transport

infrastructure, they wanted to see going forward. This list would be shared with Government.

- There were support schemes in place from Government regarding small businesses affected by the tourism industry disrupted by the Coronavirus crisis. Lancashire County Council was working with district councils as well looking at potential support schemes.
- One request to Government was for investment into the monitoring of vehicle movement and measuring the influx of traffic in the Fylde Coast, Ribble Valley and other tourist areas.

Resolved: The Internal Scrutiny Committee thanked Stephen Young, Executive Director of Growth, Environment and Transport and noted the update presented.

5. Highways Service COVID-19 Response

The Chair welcomed County Councillor Keith Iddon, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport; Phil Durnell, Director of Highways and Transport; John Davies, Head of Service Highways; Ridwan Musa, Highways Service Manager - Operations; and Marcus Leigh, Highways Service Manager - Infrastructure to the meeting.

Committee members were presented with an update on how the Highways Service had responded to the impact of Covid-19.

The lockdown had caused significant disruption to all elements of the Highways Service during which the Highways operations were only delivering emergency responses. All other elements of the service had to adapt to an immediate new way of working and there had been a professional and positive attitude from staff.

At the start of the lockdown highways officers were unable to visit any sites but teams identified as key workers were allowed site visits within one week.

It was pointed out to members that flooding had not stopped during the Covid-19 crisis. The Flood Risk Management Team work immediately adapted to working remotely. The team was able to work with partners using conference calls.

With regards to Parking Services, from the start of lockdown there was an initial reduction in enforcement and only primary routes were covered. As lockdown eased enforcement had increased. By the end of July the service would be back to pre-lockdown levels. The Government guidance in terms of providing free parking for NHS staff, health and social care workers and NHS volunteers was still being followed.

In terms of the Highways Safety Inspections Team, at the beginning of lockdown there had also been an initial reduction in service, with the team concentrating on dangerous defects. Normal levels of inspection were now being achieved.

Regarding Highways Regulation, there had been a large drop off in demand from utility services in the first week of lockdown. This quickly increased as utility

works were classified as essential. Utility firms took advantage of reduced traffic at problematic sites. Normal levels of demand on the service were being managed with remote working.

The Road Safety Engineering Team had adapted well to working from home and had operated normally throughout. The team was now involved in the restart initiative.

The workload of the Road Safety Education Team had stopped as schools had closed. The team was redeployed to Covid-19 duties. The workload of the Schools Crossing Patrol Service had also stopped due to the closure of schools. The Traffic Signals Team had continued to work normally throughout the pandemic remotely. The Traffic Monitoring Team had monitored traffic flows throughout lockdown and was supporting the Travel Restart initiatives.

The Highways Service Operations Team had a three phased return to work plan to get back to the new normal. As part of Phase 1, as soon as lockdown was announced the primary concern was to make all the sites safe and send all the operatives home to ensure the Government's guidance was being followed. The biggest challenge was the availability of masks and social distancing. A small number of the Operations Team returned to work on a rota basis for emergency works only and there was single person vehicle usage.

In Phase 2 the Operations Team had to comply with the Government's updated guidance. More of the team's smaller teams returned to work and there were staggered start and finish times. Grass cutting functions resumed.

More updated Government guidance was complied with in Phase 3. All teams returned to work and all revenue and capital schemes resumed. Space was provided for contractors where they could set up their own welfare pods. All training had commenced again, although with limited numbers. The team had assisted with the reopening of Household Waste Recycling Centres.

The Highways Service Operations Team was still facing continuous challenges during the Coronavirus crisis.

A number of issues were raised by members and the following was noted

- There had been some benefits to working practices during the crisis. Staggered start times had worked well. This was also a benefit to the network as people were not travelling at the same time and were not all on the road at the same time.
- In terms of activity levels, all the teams were now back up and running.
- Members were informed that there had been a reduction in the reporting of defects and customer enquiries in the first couple of months of lockdown but these numbers were almost back to normal levels as people were now using the reporting system and Customer Access.

- Regarding free parking for NHS staff and care workers in the future, the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport would look into this.

Resolved: The Internal Scrutiny Committee thanked the Highways Service Team for its response to the Covid-19 crisis and noted the update provided.

6. Work Planning 2020/21

The committee was informed that a single combined work programme for all of the county council's scrutiny committees was currently being formulated. A draft copy of the work programme was set out at Appendix 'A' of the report.

The topics included were identified at a work planning workshop for members of the Internal Scrutiny held on 29 May 2020.

There was a request for all scrutiny committees to look at devolution and the impact it would have going forward.

There was also a request to look at making better use of the new ways of working especially regarding virtual meetings.

Resolved: That the Internal Scrutiny Committee:

- i. Note the single combined work plan presented.
- ii. Note the additional topics for potential inclusion in the work programme.
- iii. Delegate to the scrutiny officers the development and delivery of this programme, identifying appropriate methods of scrutiny, in consultation with the Chairs and with input from any member.
- iv. Temporarily suspend the current Internal Scrutiny Committee work programme (2019/20) and for this to be kept under review.

7. Urgent Business

There were no items of Urgent Business.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next virtual meeting of the Internal Scrutiny Committee would take place on Friday 11 September 2020 at 10.00am.

9. Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved: That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that there would be a likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraph of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as indicated against the heading to the item.

10. Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000: Annual Report

(Not for Publication - Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. It is considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information).

An annual update report was presented on the framework provided by the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000.

Resolved: That the Internal Scrutiny Committee:

- i. Note the report presented.
- ii. Approve, with immediate effect, the updated corporate policies on:
 1. RIPA surveillance.
 2. Non-RIPA surveillance.
 3. The use of Social Media and the Internet in investigations.
- i. Note the outcome of the recent IPCO inspection.

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Internal Scrutiny Committee

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Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Lancashire's Response to Covid-19

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Executive Summary

A presentation (to follow) to consider Lancashire's response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Recommendation

The Internal Scrutiny Committee is asked to note the update.

Background and Advice

Angie Ridgwell, Chief Executive & Director of Resources will attend the virtual meeting of Internal Scrutiny Committee to give committee members an update on Lancashire's response to the Covid-19 pandemic. In particular, the presentation (to follow) will cover topics suggested by Members as part of the Internal Scrutiny Committee work planning session which took place on 29 May 2020.

The Internal Scrutiny Committee is asked to note the update.

Consultations

NA

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

This report has no significant risk implications.

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Date

Contact/Tel

None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

NA

Internal Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on 11 September 2020

Electoral Division affected: (All Divisions);
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Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2020/21

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

A single combined work programme for all of the Lancashire County Council scrutiny committees has been formulated and has been presented to all scrutiny committees during the last round of meetings. A copy of the work programme is set out at Appendix A.

The topics included were identified at a work planning workshop for members of the Internal Scrutiny Committee held on 29 May 2020 and subsequently at meetings of all the scrutiny committees.

Recommendation

The Internal Scrutiny Committee is asked to:

- i. Consider the work programme schedule for Internal Scrutiny Committee and suggest any additional topics for potential inclusion on the work programme.

Background and Advice

As a result of the Covid 19 pandemic, a decision was taken in March to suspend all council committee meetings including scrutiny until further notice. Following the introduction of new regulations and guidance on remote council meetings in April, it was confirmed that the scrutiny function would resume and that a remote work planning session for scrutiny as a whole be arranged for members of the Internal Scrutiny Committee (as the parent scrutiny committee) to receive an update on the journey so far and plans for recovery.

The Covid 19 pandemic has required members and officers to work differently and the wider context has also meant that priorities have changed or shifted in emphasis. However, scrutiny committees have an important role in reviewing how Lancashire County Council prepared for, and responded to, the Covid-19 pandemic and how the county council aims to recover and assist people and businesses across Lancashire.

Therefore a single combined work programme for the foreseeable future and for all scrutiny committees has been formulated. A copy of the programme is set out at Appendix A.

The work programme is a work in progress document and will evolve further over the coming months. The topics included were identified at a work planning workshop for members of the Internal Scrutiny Committee held on 29 May 2020, from discussions with all scrutiny chairs and deputy chairs and subsequently at committee meetings. Members of Corporate Management Team have also fed into the process.

The Internal Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider the work programme schedule for the committee over the coming months and suggest any additional topics for potential inclusion on the work programme. A discussion on forthcoming topics would be useful and would help officers to be clear in their understanding of what Members would like to explore and what information they would like to see. Consideration should also be given to when the committee should look to reschedule topics that were planned for the 2019/20 work programme.

Considerations for Scrutiny Topics

Having a positive vision of what scrutiny might achieve may help to understand how it could work differently. Agreeing topics for inclusion in the work programme is about focusing and directing limited resources to maximise scrutiny's effectiveness:

- National issues will inevitably be subject to enquiries / scrutiny at a national level. ***Consider what you can influence locally.***
- Health, social care and education teams have limited resources to support O&S and non-critical work. ***How can scrutiny support those services without unnecessary extra burdens?***
- Decisions have been made in partnership through the LRF. ***How can you best look at partnership working?***
- Decisions and activities were taken to deal with an unprecedented situation. ***What general lessons can be learned from unique circumstances?***
- Recovery will not be "back to normal". ***Can scrutiny shape the future of the county council / Lancashire?***

In addition to this, and as a tool to narrow the focus further, the following questions could be applied:

- How can scrutiny add value?
- What will have the biggest impact?
- What is the overall aim?

Consultations

NA

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

This report has no significant risk implications.

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None

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NA

Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2020-2021

Scrutiny Committee				
Month	Education and Children's Services	External	Health	Internal
June			1. Update from the ICS on NHS Cells for Lancashire and digital and engagement with local people. 2. Temporary changes to clinical services across the ICS during the COVID-19 pandemic	
July	Response to the COVID 19 pandemic in Lancashire - perceptions of the experiences of children and young people, and headlines from the operation of service during the COVID-19 emergency period.	Flooding		1. RIPA annual report 2. The impact of Covid 19 on county council services Highways – challenges faced following pandemic and resuming 'normal' work programmes
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What powers do we have as a county council/what can we do to support schools and parents. - Position update on the wider reopening of schools • Schools Causing Concern Task Group report – response to recommendations • SEND Ofsted inspection report • Review of work programme 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult social care – winter preparations (Supporting the social care sector including domiciliary care workers) • NHS 111 First (tbc) 	Covid 19 – what comes next? Including building pan-Lancashire working and Democratic involvement in resilience forums and maintaining democratic leadership during a crisis

	October	Children's Social Care - protecting vulnerable/valuable children – plans in place to manage spikes in referrals	1. LEP – response to the pandemic – economic recovery plan incorporating 'green' principles 2. Impact of pandemic on road safety and lessons learnt		
Month	November	Education – digital poverty, lesson learned and preparation for 2 nd wave/local lockdowns. Digital aspirational views – turning challenge into opportunity.		Suicide prevention in Lancashire	Speeding Traffic and the lack of enforcement Scrutiny of the Council's response to the Government's call for local councils to invest in street safety
	December	Impact of the pandemic on children and young people's mental health – plans in place to support and an update on CAMHS including managing increase in contacts, anxiety of YP on return to school and availability of more online support			
	January	Early Years sector – impact on private providers supporting vulnerable children and families (include update on the EY Strategy and School Improvement Model)			Youth Employment and Skills – impact on youth as one of the hardest hit groups during the pandemic (consideration to be given to which scrutiny committee will be most relevant to consider this topic)
	February	Lancashire schools attainment update report (standing item)			

	March	**Family Safeguarding Model – update on implementation of model in Oct/Nov 2020			
	April	**Health and Medicines in Schools: Progress update on the task group work Childhood immunisation programme 0-19 Healthy Child programme			
Other Topics	Topics from work programmes 2019/20 not scheduled	Participation strategy update Road safety Independent children's homes Getting to Good plan update NEET Child poverty – pupil premium and effects on education Lancashire Breaktime SEN equipment in schools School transport Maintained nurseries update Parking at schools	Lancashire energy strategy Review of Community Safety Partnerships and governance arrangements Greater Lancashire plan LCC Carbon Plan/Internal Energy and Water Management Policy Universal credit	Housing with Care and Support Strategy 2018-2025 Urgent Mental Health Pathway Transforming Care (Calderstones) Social Prescribing Cessation of the Lancashire Wellbeing Service Tackling period poverty Delayed transfers of care Stroke Programme Vascular, head and neck Suicide prevention in Lancs Review of Primary Care Networks and Neighbourhoods Transforming hospital services and care for people in Southport, Formby & West Lancs Disabled Facilities Grants	Local Government Funding and Income Generation Task Group Update on Reducing Single Use Plastics in Lancashire

**suggested topics for further discussion

