

LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN	WARDS: ALL
REPORT TITLE: Children, Schools and Families Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme 2025-26	
REPORT OF: Executive Director Children and Learning	
FOR SUBMISSION TO: Children, Schools and Families Scrutiny Committee	DATE: 10 November 2025
SUMMARY OF REPORT: This report provides an outline of the 2025-26 work programme (Appendix 1) and provides an update on actions requested at previous meetings (Appendix 2). Local Government Act 1972 – Access to information: No documents that are required to be listed were used in the preparation of this report. Contact Officer: Saima Downes, Children and Learning Strategy, London Borough of Camden, 5 Pancras Square, London, N1C 4AG 020 7974 4466 / saima.downes@camden.gov.uk	
RECOMMENDATIONS: The Children, Schools and Families Scrutiny Committee is asked to note the Committee's updated Work Programme for 2025-26 (Appendix 1) and Action Tracker (Appendix 2)	

Signed by: 

Tim Aldridge, Executive Director Children and Learning

Date: 28th October 2025

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This report gives the Committee an opportunity to review the updated 2025-2026 work programme. The work programme (with key reports for the year 2025-26) is set out in Appendix 1. An update was made to the work programme at the 16 October meeting of the Committee, to change the timing and frequency of the Children's Social Care National Reform update report.
- 1.2 The Children, Schools and Families Scrutiny Committee's work programme has been developed to reflect:
 - 1.2.1 the corporate priorities of the Council,
 - 1.2.2 the priorities of relevant portfolio holders,
 - 1.2.3 priorities from relevant health and education partners,
 - 1.2.4 and the priority areas which have previously been identified by the Committee and other relevant panels.
- 1.3 Suggestions and proposals from each meeting can be incorporated into the programme as the year progresses. Relevant Cabinet Reports may also be considered throughout the year by the committee before they are taken to Cabinet.
- 1.4 An action tracker of Committee Member queries at meetings that require an action following the meeting is set out in Appendix 2.

2 Terms of reference

2.1 The Committee has the following terms of reference:

To scrutinise the Council's policies relating to children and the provision, planning, financing, management and performance of children's services, provided by the Children and Learning Directorate and other service providers.

3 Meeting dates of 2025-26 municipal year

- Monday 23 June 2025
- Thursday 16 October 2025
- **Monday 10 November 2025**
- Tuesday 9 December 2025
- Tuesday 13 January 2026
- Monday 23 February 2026

4 Scrutiny Panels

The Committee can form scrutiny panels to look at more specific areas under its remit. Scrutiny panels should be established with clear terms of reference and target date to report back to the main Committee.

5 Legal comments of the Borough Solicitor

The Borough Solicitor has considered the report and has no comments to add to the report.

6 Finance Comments of the Director of Finance

The Director of Finance has been consulted on the contents of this report and has no comment to make.

5 Environmental Implications

There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

6 Appendices

Appendix 1 - CSF Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2025-26

Appendix 2 - CSF Scrutiny Committee Action Tracker 2025-26