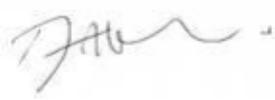


<b>LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN</b>	<b>WARDS: ALL</b>
<b>REPORT TITLE:</b> Children, Schools and Families Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme 2025-26	
<b>REPORT OF:</b> Executive Director Children and Learning	
<b>FOR SUBMISSION TO:</b> Children, Schools and Families Scrutiny Committee	<b>DATE:</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026
<p><b>SUMMARY OF REPORT:</b></p> <p>This report provides an outline of the 2025-26 work programme (Appendix 1), an update on actions requested at previous meetings (Appendix 2) and a draft work programme for 2026-27 (Appendix 3).</p> <p><b>Local Government Act 1972 – Access to information:</b></p> <p>No documents that are required to be listed were used in the preparation of this report.</p> <p><b>Contact Officer:</b> Saima Downes, Children and Learning Strategy, London Borough of Camden, 5 Pancras Square, London, N1C 4AG 020 7974 4466 saima.downes@camden.gov.uk</p>	
<p><b>RECOMMENDATIONS:</b></p> <p>The Children, Schools and Families Scrutiny Committee is asked to note the Committee's updated Work Programme for 2025-26 (Appendix 1), Action Tracker (Appendix 2) and Draft Work Programme for 2026-27 (Appendix 3).</p>	

Signed by: 

Tim Aldridge, Executive Director Children and Learning

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026

## **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. No updates were made to the work programme at the 13 January 2026 meeting of the Committee.
- 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.
- 1.5 A draft work programme for the municipal year 2026-2027 has been prepared for the Committee to review (Appendix 3).

## **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 been consulted on the contents of this report and has no comment to make at this time.

#### **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.

#### **7 Environmental Implications**

There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

#### **8 Appendices**

Appendix 1 - CSF Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2025-26

Appendix 2 - CSF Scrutiny Committee Action Tracker 2025-26

Appendix 3 - CSF Scrutiny Committee Draft Work Programme 2026-27.