

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Trafford Pandemic Scrutiny Committee
Date: 1 July 2020
Report for: Information
Report of: Statutory Scrutiny Officer

Report Title

Trafford Pandemic Scrutiny Committee Work Programme Report

Summary

This report lays out the structure that Trafford Pandemic Scrutiny Committee has agreed for their meetings and provides an outline of what will be considered at the meetings on the 1st and 29th July.

Recommendation(s)

- 1) That the Committee note the content of the report
- 2) That the Committee review the log of topics in Annex 1 and add any topics that have not been captured.

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Background

1. The Pandemic Scrutiny Committee was created on the 15th May by Council to fulfil the Council's Scrutiny function during the COVID 19 pandemic following the suspension of the Council's three Scrutiny Committees. Since the 15th May the Committee has held two meetings. The first meeting was to discuss how the Committee would function during the pandemic and to suggest topics that the group would consider. At the second meeting, Executive Members attended and answered questions relating to the topics of Public Health, Adult Social Care and Schools and Education during the COVID 19 Pandemic.

Moving forward

- 2.1 The Committee have agreed that each meeting will focus upon one or two main items and that Pre/ Post decision Scrutiny when available will be for information only, unless the Committee chooses to focus on a decision at a later meeting. Prior to each meeting the most recent reports relating to the area of focus will be circulated to the Committee to form the basis of discussion. Committee Members will then have the opportunity to pose preliminary questions to Executive Members and Officers the week prior to the meeting. For each item the relevant Executive Member and Officer will provide a short verbal update and provide answers to the Committee's preliminary questions before taking further questions.
- 2.2 The agenda setting panel agreed that the meeting on the 1st July will focus upon the Council's Budget, investment, and the Trafford Economy. The Executive Member for Finance and Investment and the Executive Member for Housing and Regeneration have been invited to the meeting to provide an update. The matters arising from the meeting will be captured and added to the Committee's log of topics for the agenda setting panel to consider at their next meeting.
- 2.3 At the meeting on the 29th July 2020 the Committee will continue its work on Schools and Education and Health and Social care. This is to include updates on the following points raised at the meeting on the 15th June 2020;
 - Children returning to school: An update on the numbers of children and students returning and geographical analysis to show school uptake.
 - Childminders/Childcare: To receive follow up information on issues regarding Childminders dropping off and collecting Children from School.
 - Remote learning: To receive details on how the Council is identifying children who do not have access to a home computer / broadband connection and what the Council is doing to support those children.
 - Community Hubs: The Committee would like to receive information as to the lessons learnt from the success of the hubs and how this would shape services going forward.

- Adult Mental Health: To receive an update on the progress of the transformation programme.
- Children's Mental Health: The Committee would like to be kept informed if there are any spikes in referrals and if the waiting list for the service started to increase again.
- Testing, Tracking, and Isolation: The Committee would like to receive an update on the figures for Trafford once more data is available.

Recommendations

- 3 The Trafford Pandemic Scrutiny Committee is asked to;
 - Note the content of the report
 - Review the log of topics in Annex 1 and add any topics that have not been captured.

Annex 1 – Work Programme

Dates and Topics for upcoming meetings

Date of Meeting	Area of focus
Wednesday 1 st July 2020	The impact of COVID 19 on the Council's Budget, Investment, and Economy
Wednesday 29 th July 2020	Schools and Education and Health and Social care
Wednesday 19 th August 2020	To be decided
Wednesday 9 th September 2020	To be decided

Topics suggested by Councillors

Below is a log of topics suggested by Committee Members

Area	Topics
School and Education	Impact on Children with SEND including support in place, use of easements, and EHCP performance including level of referrals.
	Number of Children returning to school by location
	Childminders and Child care and how the Council is working with this sector
	Impact on Young people finishing school, further education, and university
	Remote learning
Children and Young People's Health and Social Care	Impact upon disadvantaged and vulnerable school children
	Impact upon Children in Care
	Young people's Mental Health. Performance of Healthy Young minds and level of referrals.
Public Health, Wellbeing, and Social Care	Performance of Track, Trace, and Isolate
	Adult Mental health during COVID 19
	Active Transport
	Community Hubs and lessons learned
	Use of easements of the Care Act
	Impact Upon BAME Community
	CQC Report Regarding Learning Difficulty and Autistic Spectrum Disorder