

## Children and Young People's Services Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2021/2022

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<b>Forthcoming Committee Meetings</b>		
<b>Early Help Redesign Proposals</b>	<b>Pre-decision scrutiny</b> – To consider the outcome of the public consultation and provide recommendations to Cabinet on the final proposals prior to a decision being taken.	20 July 2021
<b>Children First Improvement Update</b>	<b>Performance monitoring</b> - To seek assurance and evidence that appropriate progress is being made on the children first improvement Journey and outcomes are improving for children and families.	29 September 2021
<b>Attainment Gap in West Sussex</b>	<b>Performance monitoring</b> – to understand reasons for the attainment gap in West Sussex and explore what work is being done to reduce this. To include a focus on early years and the impact of the catch-up programme on trying to reduce the gap.	1 December 2021
<b>Children First Improvement Update</b>	<b>Performance monitoring</b> - To seek assurance and evidence that appropriate progress is being made on the children first improvement Journey and outcomes are improving for children and families.	1 December 2021 12 January 2022 9 March 2022
<b>CYPSSC –Confirmed items for timetabling</b>		
<b>Children First Improvement Update – focus areas</b>	<b>Performance monitoring</b> - To seek assurance and evidence that appropriate progress is being made on the children first improvement Journey and outcomes are improving for children and families. Focus areas of reports for future meetings to be confirmed, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partnership working and impacts (timing tbc),</li> <li>• Performance 2020/21 end year report</li> <li>• Update on performance of initial health assessments for Children looked after (from CPP).</li> </ul>	At each meeting

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on Care Leaders Fellowship initiative and impact on children and young people.</li> <li>Staff Engagement outcomes</li> </ul>	
<b>Performance Monitoring</b>	<b>Performance Monitoring:</b> To assess the performance indicators relating to Children and Young People's Services in Our Council Plan (to be done quarterly).	TBC
<b>West Sussex Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report</b>	<b>Performance Monitoring</b> – to consider the successes and areas of improvement for the Partnership and to identify any areas for future scrutiny.	TBC
<b>Foster Service Review</b>	<b>Policy development/pre decision scrutiny</b> – To review and provide recommendations on the proposals of the foster service review (phase 2 - recruitment and retention) ahead of a Key Decision being taken.	TBC
<b>Regional Adoption Agency</b>	<b>Service Improvement</b> - To assess the impact of the Regional Adoption Agency (requested by BPG in February 2020 & SC in 2019) and to scrutinise its first year of operation (established April 2020).	Autumn 2021
<b>Support for School Governors</b>	Raised at CYPSSC on 14 April & 9 January- to identify any areas of improvement for the support, training and guidance provided to school governors and to consider recruitment and retention issues.	TBC
<b>Visits to residential homes</b>	To form part of a training day for CYPSSC members (originally scheduled for June 2020). Can be linked to potential item on high cost placements.	TBC - post pandemic
<b>Business Planning Group – items for BPG to consider for Scrutiny (including those raised by Committee Members under 'Items for Future Scrutiny').</b>		
<b>High Cost Residential Placements and Residential Homes</b>	<b>Service Improvement</b> – To review plans for post-16 residential placements and the re-opening of some children's residential homes. (requested by BPG in February 2020).	Feedback from Corporate Parenting Panel at future BPG to identify if there are any areas for

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		consideration for scrutiny.
<b>Elective Home Education</b>	<b>Performance Monitoring</b> - to assess the County Council's approach to elective home education. Impact of Covid-19 on EHE also to be considered.	Will be explored at future BPG once further government guidance is available to determine if requires future scrutiny.
<b>Skills for Jobs White Paper 2021</b>	<b>Policy Development</b> – to assess the County Council's plans on careers advice in schools in response to the Skills for Jobs White Paper. <a href="#">Link to White Paper</a>	TBC – to be discussed at next BPG
<b>Renewal of School Effectiveness Strategy 2018 - 2022</b>	<b>Policy Development</b> – To input into the renewal of the current School Effectiveness Strategy which expires in 2022. <a href="#">Link to current School Effectiveness Strategy</a> .	TBC
<b>Business Planning Group – to monitor</b>		
<b>Woodlands Meed</b>	BPG to monitor progress and identify any areas for scrutiny as the project progresses	Ongoing
<b>Post-16 and NEETS</b>	BPG to monitor any trends in numbers (NEETs and unknowns) following the lifting of lockdown and whether there are any areas that may require future scrutiny.	At each meeting
<b>Contract Monitoring</b>	The BPG agreed to look at contract monitoring twice a year and identify any areas that may require further scrutiny.	Twice a year – next review September 2021
<b>Children and Young People Services Training (as requested by Committee)</b>		
<b>Exclusions and Alternative Provision</b>	Suggested as a Member Day to inform members of the processes, roles and responsibilities, voice of child, quality assurance and members role with local residents requesting assistance.	Member day being explored with Member Development Group
<b>School Federations</b>	To look at how this is proceeding with schools and how it is assisting with the delivery of the school effectiveness strategy. BPG confirmed this would be more appropriate as a member day to	Member Development Group to be asked to consider as topic for

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	inform all members (rather than scrutiny).	future Member Day