

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

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<b>1. Forthcoming Committee Meetings – confirmed items</b>		
<b>Draft Education and Skills Strategy</b>	<p><b>Policy Development</b> – To input into the development of the Education and Skills Strategy that will replace the current School Effectiveness Strategy in 2022. Committee to consider the draft strategy following stakeholder input and to provide any comments or feedback prior to consultation. (Will include implications of the Skills for Jobs White Paper <a href="#">Link to current School Effectiveness Strategy</a>)</p>	8 June 2022
<b>Children First Improvement Update</b>	<p><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.</p> <p><b>Focus:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outcome of Ofsted monitoring visit on Children we Care For service.</li> <li>• Area of focus for next Monitoring Visit (focus tbc)</li> <li>• Feedback on Commissioner's report to the Secretary of State re the status of the Children's Trust.</li> <li>• Transformation Programme Risk Register - update on progress.</li> </ul>	8 June 2022
<b>Performance and Resources Report - Q4 2021-22</b>	<p><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).</p>	12 July 2022 (virtual additional meeting)
<b>Children First Improvement Update</b>	<p><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.</p>	28 September 2022

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	<b>Focus:</b> Sufficiency (tbc) – to explore the council’s arrangements for placements for children, current strategy and future plans.	
<b>Performance and Resources Report - Q1 2022-23</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).	28 September 2022
<b>2. CYPSSC –Confirmed items for timetabling</b>		
<b>Children First Improvement Update – focus areas</b>	<p><b>Performance monitoring</b> - Focus areas of reports for future meetings to be confirmed. Potential areas that have been raised by Committee/previous reports include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on progress and impact of workforce changes on Social Work practice and experience for children and families (to include staff engagement outcomes) – Summer 2022</li> <li>• Monitoring the progress of cultural change within the service to improve the quality of service to residents.</li> <li>• Partnership working and impacts</li> <li>• Contribution of children to their reviews and how the voice of the child and families is being sought and used in the audit process</li> <li>• Family Safeguarding Model – review of implementation (Spring/Autumn 2023)</li> </ul>	<i>At each meeting – Focus areas for 2022/23 meetings to be discussed by BPG.</i>
<b>Early Help Service – review of new model</b>	<b>Performance Monitoring</b> – to assess the impact of the first year of implementation of the new Early Help Model. What is working well, is it achieving what it set out to do and any areas for improvement (implemented January 2022).	To be arranged for a Committee meeting Early 2023
<b>School Readiness</b>	<b>Performance Monitoring</b> - Raised at CYPSSC on 12 January 2022 – to assess how the ongoing work with schools and early years settings is improving school readiness (to be timed with Early Help item)	Early 2023

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<b>3. Business Planning Group – items for BPG to consider for Scrutiny (including those raised by Committee Members under ‘Items for Future Scrutiny’).</b>		
<b>Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing of Children and Young People</b>	<p><b>Service Development</b> – to assess the provisions and plans in place to support young people’s mental health and emotional wellbeing.</p> <p><i>NB: A written briefing for members was provided on 10.2.22. Work with HASC ongoing to explore if there are any areas for potential scrutiny with HASC.</i></p>	<i>BPG date being explored.</i>
<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.	<i>Annual Report to be circulated to Committee members when published (Spring 2022) and BPG to then consider if there are any areas within the report to add to the work programme.</i>
<b>Final Education and Skills Strategy</b>	<b>Pre Decision Scrutiny</b> – to review the final Education and Skills Strategy following consultation and prior to Cabinet endorsement.	<i>Autumn 2022</i>
<b>Unaccompanied asylum-seeking children</b>	<b>Performance Monitoring</b> - To assess the County Council’s resilience and approach for managing increased demand.	<i>Following briefing that was circulated to members in November 2021, BPG recommend removal from Work Programme.</i>
<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.	To remain on work programme as further governance guidance is

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		still awaited. Will assess once this guidance has been released to determine if there are areas for scrutiny.
<b>Support for School Governors</b>	Raised at CYPSSC on 14 April 2020 & 9 January 2021- to identify any areas of improvement for the support, training and guidance provided to school governors and to consider recruitment and retention issues.	<i>Following briefing that was circulated to members in November 2021 – BPG Recommend removal from Work Programme.</i>
<b>Skills Agenda</b>	To consider the Pan-Sussex Skills Plan (due to be published in March 2022) and whether there are any areas for scrutiny and how this could be done (recognising it could expand beyond the CYPSSC remit).	To be discussed at BPG on 9 May 2022.
<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. <a href="#">Link to Woodlands Meed update page.</a>	<i>Work is now underway at the school site. BPG Recommend removal from Work Programme.</i>
<b>Scrutiny Task and Finish Groups</b>		
<b>Needs Assessments and EHCPs – Process, Practice and Delivery</b>	<b>Service Development</b> – To explore the process, criteria and practice of Education Health and Care Needs Assessments and Education and Health Care Plans. To review whether the County Council is providing a consistent approach and delivery to West Sussex Children and Families and to identify any potential areas of improvement.	<i>BPG recommend that evidence gathering pre work is carried out by 1 or 2 Committee members in advance of the TFG commencing to explore where the TFG could influence and add value. Pre</i>

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		<i>work to be reported to BPG on 9 May 2022 to confirm next steps.</i>