

Children and Young People's Services Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

Topic/Issue	Purpose of scrutinising this issue & Source	Timing/ Approach
1. Forthcoming Committee Meetings – confirmed items		
Education and Learning Strategy 2022 – 2025	Pre-decision Scrutiny: to scrutinise the proposed Education and Learning Strategy ahead of it being implemented in January 2023. Will include report from Education and Learning Scrutiny TFG which considered the draft strategy in October 2022.	18 January 2023
Young Carers	Performance Monitoring: to assess the County Council's responsibilities for young carers, the impacts being a young carer has on young people and how these are being addressed (<i>Source: CYPSSC Pre Meeting 26 September 2022</i>)	
Early Help Service – review of new model	Performance Monitoring – to assess the impact of the first year of implementation of the new Early Help Model (implemented January 2022). What is working well, is it achieving what it set out to do and any areas for improvement and to include a review of the financial impact (revenue and capital). (<i>Source: CYPSSC July 2021</i>)	1 March 2023
Performance and Resources Report – Q3 2022-23	Performance Monitoring: To assess the performance indicators relating to Children and Young People's Services in Our Council Plan (to be done quarterly).	
Family Safeguarding Model	Performance Monitoring – to assess the impact and performance of the first year of implementation of the Family Safeguarding Model (implemented February 2022)	7 June 2023
2. CYPSSC –Confirmed items for timetabling		
Children First Improvement Programme Annual Review	Performance Monitoring: To provide an annual overview on the improvement journey for Committee to assess the progress that is being made and how outcomes are being met (<i>Source: BPG 9 May 2022</i>).	TBC – will confirm timing once outcome of full Ofsted inspection is known.

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Sufficiency of Placements for Children we Care For	Policy Development: To assess the mix and numbers for placements and the policies the County Council is working to; and whether the right strategies are in place to provide the best outcomes for children we care for.	TBC – any areas for scrutiny to be considered following Member Briefing on residential services (7 December 2022).
School Readiness	Performance Monitoring - to assess if the ongoing work with schools and early years settings is improving school readiness <i>(Source: CYPSSC 12 January 2022)</i>	TBC – BPG to review potential timing as part of scrutiny of implementation of Education and Learning Strategy.
3. Business Planning Group – items for BPG to consider for Scrutiny (including those raised by Committee Members under 'Items for Future Scrutiny').		
Care Leavers	Performance Monitoring – To assess the support and provision provided for Care Leavers. <i>(Source: CYPSSC on 28 September 2022)</i>	BPG obtaining further information to establish if this is an item for scrutiny.
Elective Home Education (EHE)	Performance Monitoring – to assess the County Council’s approach to elective home education. Impact of Covid-19 on EHE also to be considered as well as the implications of the Schools White Paper (currently paused for Policy Review).	TBC – BPG to review potential timing as part of scrutiny of implementation of Education and Learning Strategy.
Skills Strategy	Policy Development – To scrutinise the development of a West Sussex Skills Strategy (work likely to be cross cutting) <i>(Source: BPG & Work Programme Planning member session Spring 2022)</i>	BPG to be updated on timing of development and schedule scrutiny as appropriate.
West Sussex Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report 2021-22	Performance Monitoring – to consider the successes and areas of improvement for the partnership and to identify any areas for future scrutiny.	Annual Report to be circulated to Committee members when published and BPG to consider if there are any areas

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		within the report to add to the work programme.
MASH/Integrated Front Door	Performance Monitoring – To consider the performance of the MASH and impact of the introduction of the Integrated Front Door. <i>(Source: BPG 6 October 2022)</i>	BPG to consider on 1 February 2023
Youth Justice Action Plan	Performance Monitoring: To consider the progress made on the Youth Justice Action plan that was implemented following the Inspection of the service in Spring 2022 with a particular focus on the 6 recommendations from Ofsted <i>(Source: Full Council 15 July 2022)</i> .	BPG to consider update on progress on 1 February to confirm if wish to add to Committee work programme.
Impact of COVID 19 on Children and Young People with SEND	Policy Development: To assess the impact of the pandemic on SEND children and young people and how these impacts are being addressed <i>(Source: CYPSSC meeting 28 September 2022)</i>	BPG to consider on 1 February 2023
Business Planning Group – to monitor		
School Placements	Policy Development: To monitor the impact of any reduced birth rates on demand for school places, particularly small schools or rural areas and the impact this has on secondary schools <i>(Source: BPG 9 May 2022)</i> .	BPG to be kept updated on specific proposals and to consider if there are any areas that require scrutiny.
Social Worker Recruitment and retention	Performance Monitoring - To monitor the impact of the recruitment and retention initiatives in increasing the permanent social worker workforce <i>(Source: CYPSSC on 8 June 2022)</i> .	BPG will continue to monitor progress to identify if there is anything to add to the work Programme.
SEND and Inclusion Strategy updates.	Policy Development – To scrutinise any proposed changes or amendments to the SEND and Inclusion Strategy as a result of the outcomes of the SEND Green Paper <i>(Source: CYPSSC 12 July 2022)</i> .	BPG to monitor this and schedule scrutiny should any changes be proposed.
Lessons Learnt from inquests	Performance Monitoring – To scrutinise the lessons learnt and action plans following recent inquests, including if services are	BPG to have an update on 1 February 2023 once

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	configured appropriately and if response to actions are sufficient to address any identified issues. This could include a focus on transitions. <i>(Source: CYPSSC 28 September 2022)</i>	inquests are complete to consider any potential areas for scrutiny.
Scrutiny Task and Finish Groups		
Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing of Children and Young People	<p>Service Development – to assess the provisions and plans in place to support young people’s mental health and emotional wellbeing and any areas of influence.</p> <p>A cross cutting TFG is being set up (led by HASC). Draft Terms of reference will be presented to HASC in November, with TFG expected to convene in early 2023. The TFG will be developed with, and have membership from CYPSSC.</p>	In Development – Terms of Reference to be agreed in November 2022 by HASC.
Education and Learning Strategy 2022 - 2025	Policy Development – To input and influence into the draft Education and Learning Strategy ahead of a final strategy being considered by the scrutiny Committee in January 2023 <i>(Source: CYPSSC 12 July 2022)</i>	Complete - One off TFG met on 6 October 2022 to consider the draft Strategy ahead of Consultation and Engagement to develop the strategy workstreams.
Needs Assessments and EHCPs –Process, Practice and Delivery	Service Development – 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>(Source: CYPSSC BPG)</i>	On Hold – an item on the SEND and Inclusion Strategy and EHCP performance was considered by Committee on 28 September. Any further areas for scrutiny or focus for a TFG to be identified once responses to recommendations have been considered.

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Visits/Briefings to support scrutiny		
Briefing: Children's Residential Homes	All member briefing on Children's Residential Homes and Placement challenges (<i>Source: CYPSSC 28 September 2022</i>)	7 December 2022 2pm – 3.30pm