

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

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<b>Forthcoming Committee Meetings</b>		
<b>Family Safeguarding Model &amp; Children First Improvement Plan update.</b>	<b>Performance Monitoring - (a)</b> To assess the impact and performance of the first year of implementation of the Family Safeguarding Model (implemented February 2022) (b) to assess the initial response and areas of focus following recent ILACS inspection. <i>(Source: BPG 12 May 2023)</i>	13 September 2023
<b>Performance and Resources Report – Q1 2023-24</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).	13 September 2023
<b>SEND Improvement Plan</b>	<b>Performance Monitoring</b> – To review the County Council's plans for SEND as well as the preparedness for the SEND Area Review. <i>(Source BPG 12 May 2023)</i>	15 November 2023
<b>Performance and Resources Report – Q2 2023-24</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).	15 November 2023
<b>Children's Social Care Quality Assurance &amp; Children First Improvement Programme.</b>	<b>Performance Monitoring - (a)</b> To assess and seek assurance that the quality of practice is improving and providing better outcomes for children and young people (part of Children First Improvement Programme). <i>(Source: CYPSSC 16 November 2022)</i> (b) To review the revised Children First Improvement Plan and impact of any changes made on areas identified as Requires Improvement in the ILACS inspection. <i>(Source: BPG 12 May 2023)</i>	17 January 2024
<b>Early Years</b>	<b>Performance Monitoring</b> – To consider the Early Years Strategy, with a focus on assessing work to improve school readiness to ensure children are reaching their potential. <i>(Source: CYPSSC 12 January 2022)</i>	28 February 2024

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<b>Performance and Resources Report – Q3 2023-24</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 February 2024
<b>Items for timetabling</b>		
<b>Care Leavers</b>	<b>Performance Monitoring</b> – To assess the support and provision provided for Care Leavers, including work to address any areas identified in the ILACS report. <i>(Source: CYPSSC 28 September 2022)</i>	BPG to consider following items on improvement journey going to Committee in September 2023 and January 2024.
<b>Business Planning Group – items for BPG to consider for Scrutiny (including those raised by Committee Members under ‘Items for Future Scrutiny’).</b>		
<b>MASH/Integrated Front Door</b>	<b>Performance Monitoring</b> – To consider the performance of the MASH and impact of the introduction of the Integrated Front Door. <i>(Source: BPG 18 October 2022)</i>	Informal visit for CYPSSC members to be arranged. BPG to consider if any areas for scrutiny once visit have taken place.
<b>Lessons Learnt from inquests</b>	<b>Performance Monitoring</b> – To scrutinise the lessons learnt and action plans following recent inquests, including if services are 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>	BPG to have an update once inquests are complete to consider any potential areas for scrutiny (expected Autumn 2023).
<b>Business Planning Group – to monitor</b>		
<b>Demand for School Placements</b>	<b>Policy Development</b> - 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 any specific proposals and to consider if there are any areas that require scrutiny.
<b>School Place Planning/Admissions</b>	<b>Performance Monitoring</b> – An all-member development session is being planned for December 2023. BPG to consider any potential scrutiny following that session. <i>(Source BPG 12 May 2023)</i>	BPG to review at meeting on 31 January 2024.

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<b>Social Worker Recruitment and retention</b>	<b>Performance Monitoring</b> - 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.
<b>SEND and Inclusion Strategy 2019 - 2024 updates.</b>	<b>Policy Development</b> – 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.
<b>Elective Home Education (EHE)</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.	BPG to monitor as part of the implementation of Education and Learning Strategy.
<b>Sufficiency of Placements for Children we Care For</b>	<b>Policy Development</b> - 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.	BPG to continue to monitor to identify if there is anything that requires scrutiny (Sufficiency Strategy is reviewed annually)
<b>Skills Strategy</b>	<b>Policy Development</b> – To input and influence the development of a Skills Strategy. <i>(Source: BPG &amp; Work Programme Planning member session Spring 2022)</i> . A Careers and Skills Executive TFG has been established as agreed at Full Council on 16 December 2022 (expected to meet in May and June 2023). Any areas for scrutiny following the work of the TFG will be considered at the appropriate time.	Outcomes likely to be available end of June 2023.
<b>Impact of Partnership Working</b>	<b>Performance Monitoring</b> – To assess how the service works with key Partners to deliver the best services to children and families, what is working well, and any areas for improvement and how these are being addressed <i>(Source: CYPSSC BPG 12 May 2023)</i>	BPG to monitor to consider if any particular areas for scrutiny.

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<b>Delivery of Education Capital Programme</b>	<b>Performance Monitoring</b> – To assess the progress of education projects within the Capital Programme. ( <i>Source BPG 12 May 2023</i> )	BPG to consider position following review of Q4 PRR (June 2023) and whether scrutiny is required.
<b>CYPSSC Task and Finish Groups</b>		
<b>Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing of Children and Young People</b>	<b>Service Development</b> – To assess the provisions and plans in place to support young people’s mental health and emotional wellbeing and any areas of influence. An TFG is being set up (led by HASC) and will include representation from CYPSSC. The work will commence with an evidence-gathering session to which all CYPSSC and HASC members have been invited.	<b>In Development</b> – The evidence gathering session is confirmed for 1 June 2023.