

Children and Young People's Services Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

Topic/Issue	Purpose of scrutinising this issue & Source	Timing/ Approach
Forthcoming Committee Meetings		
SEND Improvement Plan	Policy Development – To scrutinise 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
Performance and Resources Report – Q2 2023-24	Performance Monitoring - To assess the performance indicators relating to Children and Young People's Services in Our Council Plan (to be done quarterly).	15 November 2023
Scrutiny of any Budgetary Implications	Budget/Finance Planning – To scrutinise any budgetary implications being proposed within the remit of this Committee	15 November 2023
Children's Social Care Quality Assurance	Performance Monitoring - 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>	17 January 2024
Progress on response to ILACS report	Performance Monitoring/Improvement Programme Monitoring - 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
Family Safeguarding Model	Performance Monitoring - To assess the impact and performance of the Family Safeguarding Model since its implementation in February 2022	17 January 2024
Early Years	Policy Development – 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
Performance and Resources Report – Q3 2023-24	Performance Monitoring - To assess the performance indicators relating to Children and Young People's Services in Our Council Plan (to be done quarterly).	28 February 2024

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Items for timetabling		
None		
Business Planning Group – items for BPG to consider for Scrutiny (including those raised by Committee Members under ‘Items for Future Scrutiny’).		
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 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.
Lessons Learnt from inquests	Performance Monitoring – 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).
Delivery of Capital Programme	Performance Monitoring – To assess the progress of the Education Capital Programme to increase SEND places, as well as the opportunities to meet needs for children we care for placements. <i>(Source: CYPSSC 7 June 2023)</i>	BPG to consider against the BPG checklist whether this requires future scrutiny
Educational Attainment	Performance Monitoring – to scrutinise the impact of the action being taken to improve attainment levels at Key Stage 2 and for disadvantaged children (performance measures 27 and 29 in Council Plan). <i>(Source: CYPSSC 7 June 2023)</i>	BPG to consider against the BPG checklist whether this requires future scrutiny.
Business Planning Group – to monitor		
Demand for 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 any specific proposals and to consider if there are any areas that require scrutiny.
School Place Planning/Admissions	Policy Development – To assess the current school admissions policy and procedures and processes for school place planning. <i>(Source BPG 12 May 2023)</i>	All member session scheduled for 6 October 2023. BPG to consider if

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		any areas for scrutiny following that session.
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 (last updated provided May 2023).
SEND and Inclusion Strategy 2019 - 2024 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.
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.	BPG to monitor as part of the implementation of Education and Learning Strategy.
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.	BPG to continue to monitor to identify if there is anything that requires scrutiny (Sufficiency Strategy is reviewed annually)
Skills Strategy	Policy Development – To input and influence the development of a Skills Strategy. <i>(Source: BPG & Work Programme Planning member session Spring 2022).</i> A Careers and Skills Executive Task and Finish Group (TFG) convened in May and June 2023. A report on the outcomes of the TFG is being considered by PFSC on 7 September 2023.	
Impact of Partnership Working	Performance Monitoring – 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	BPG to monitor to consider if any particular areas for scrutiny.

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	how these are being addressed (<i>Source: CYPSSC BPG 12 May 2023</i>)	
Early Identification of pre-school children and those not in school (Early Help)	Performance Monitoring – to assess how pre-school children and those not in school requiring Early Help support are identified. (<i>Source: CYPSSC 7 June 2023</i>)	BPG to monitor to consider if there are areas that require future scrutiny.
CYPSSC Task and Finish Groups		
Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing of Children and Young People	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.	In Development – An evidence gathering session took place on 1 June 2023. Chairman of HASC and CYPSSC considering next steps.