

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

| Topic/Issue | Purpose of scrutinising this issue & Source | Timing/ Approach |
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| Forthcoming Committee Meetings | | |
| School Place Planning <i>(subject to Committee agreement)</i> | Policy Development – To consider the council's approach to school place planning. <i>(Source BPG 12 May 2023)</i> | 17 January 2024 |
| 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 |
| 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 and finance position relating to Children and Young People's Services (to be done quarterly). | 28 February 2024 |
| Family Safeguarding Model | Performance Monitoring - To assess the impact and performance of the Family Safeguarding Model since its implementation in February 2022 | 12 June 2024 |
| Performance and Resources Report – Q4 2023-24 | Performance Monitoring - To assess the performance and finance position relating to Children and Young People's Services (to be done quarterly). | 12 June 2024 |
| Performance and Resources Report – Q1 2024-25 | Performance Monitoring - To assess the performance and finance position relating to Children and Young People's Services (to be done quarterly). | 11 September 2024 |

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| Performance and Resources Report – Q2 2024-25 | Performance Monitoring - To assess the performance and finance position relating to Children and Young People’s Services (to be done quarterly). | 20 November 2024 |
| Items for timetabling | | |
| 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> | Spring 2024. TFG to be considered if doesn’t fit with Committee meeting cycles. |
| Review of Adult Community Education Service | Performance Monitoring – to assess the impact of the new Adult Community Education model implemented in September 2023. <i>(Source: CYPSSC BPG 8 September 2023)</i> | Autumn 2024 |
| 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. |
| 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 |
| Review of Early Help | Performance Monitoring – to scrutinise the continued impact and performance of the Early Help service, with a focus on how pre-school children and those not in school requiring Early Help support are identified (last updated received by Committee in June 2023). <i>(Source: CYPSSC 7 June 2023 & BPG 8 September 2023)</i> | BPG to consider if further scrutiny is required, and if so, the timing for this. |

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| Business Planning Group – to monitor | | |
| Demand for School Placements | Policy Development - To monitor the impact of any reduced birth rates on demand for primary 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. |
| Response to ILACS Report | Performance Management - To assess the impact of the Continued Practice Improvement Plans to address any areas identified for improvement in the ILACS Report (Source: CYPSSC 15 September 2023). | Update on performance against the practice improvement plans to be provided to BPG on 31 January to consider if there are any areas for consideration for scrutiny. |
| 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 was considered by PFSC on 7 September 2023. | BPG to continue to monitor to identify if there are any areas that require scrutiny. |

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| 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 how these are being addressed (<i>Source: CYPSSC BPG 12 May 2023</i>) | BPG to monitor to consider if any particular areas for 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. A report on proposed next steps was shared with Committee members for consideration. |