

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

Topic/Issue	Purpose of scrutinising this issue & Source	Timing/ Approach
Forthcoming Committee Meetings		
School Place Planning	Policy Development – To consider and comment on the County Council's approach to school place planning as set out in the draft Planning School Places document 2024. (<i>Source BPG 12 May 2023</i>)	17 January 2024
Children's Social Care Quality Assurance	Performance Monitoring - To assess the progress of the quality assurance and auditing work since the last full report to the Committee in December 2021. (<i>Source: CYPSSC 16 November 2022</i>)	17 January 2024
Early Years Strategy	Policy Development – To consider the draft 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
Progress on SEND Improvement Plan	Performance Monitoring – To scrutinise the ongoing progress of the SEND Improvement Plan (Areas of focus to be identified).	From Spring 2024. Committee to confirm areas of focus and frequency of updates once outcome of inspection is published.
Business Planning Group – items for BPG to consider for Scrutiny (including those raised by Committee Members under ‘Items for Future Scrutiny’).		
Chichester School Proposals - Jessie Younghusband/St Anthonys	Key decision preview – To consider the proposals for the relocation of Jessie Younghusband School and the amendments to catchments areas following public consultation <i>(Source: CYPSSC 15 November 2023)</i>	If prioritised for scrutiny, would need to be considered at 28 February 2024 meeting.
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	BPG to have an update once inquests are complete to consider any

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	to address any identified issues. This could include a focus on transitions. <i>(Source: CYPSSC 28 September 2022)</i>	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.
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 9 February 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.

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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.	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.
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.