

Children and Young People’s Services Scrutiny Committee Work Programme June 2020 – March 2021

Topic/Issue	Purpose of scrutinising this issue & Source	Timing
CYPSSC – September 2020 – March 2021		
Children First Improvement Programme	Performance monitoring - To seek assurance and evidence that appropriate progress is being made on the children first improvement journey and outcomes are improving for children and families. Focus: To include detail on preparation/outcome of OFSTED monitoring visit and detail on the stability of Social Care workforce (including plans to mitigate any impact of the cessation of the current recruitment and retention offer), and how this is impacting on the outcomes for children and families. There will also be details of the transformation programme.	24 September 2020
Report from Education and Skills Annual Report TFG	Performance monitoring - To review the output of the Education and Skills Annual Report TFG of July 2020 to monitor educational attainment (see below).	24 September 2020
Children First Improvement Programme	Performance monitoring - To seek assurance and evidence that appropriate progress is being made on the children first improvement Journey and outcomes are improving for children and families. Focus:	5 November 2020
Impact of Covid-19 on Educational Outcomes for Children and Young People.	Service Improvement - Assessing the impact of school/college closures on children and young people; measures to support the return to education and preparedness for any future emergencies. External Witnesses to be invited (DfE/RSC, School Governors etc)	5 November 2020
Children First Improvement Programme	Performance monitoring - To seek assurance and evidence that appropriate progress is being made on the children first improvement Journey and outcomes are improving for children and families. Focus: tbc	7 January 2021

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SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability) and Inclusion Strategy	Performance Monitoring - To review the effectiveness of the strategy after its first year of implementation, how objectives are being met and any recommendations/areas for improvement/focus. To also include detail on implications for Home to School transport. This could also include the appropriateness of placements for SEND children (as raised by Committee on 4 March)	7 January 2021
Fostering Service Review	Policy development – To review the proposals on the fostering service review (foster carer remuneration, recruitment and retention)- implementation expected in Spring 2021.	7 January 2021
Support for School Governors	Raised at CYPSSC on 14 April & 9 January- to identify any areas of improvement for the support, training and guidance provided to school governors and to consider recruitment and retention issues.	7 January 2021
Children First Improvement Programme	Performance monitoring - To seek assurance and evidence that appropriate progress is being made on the children first improvement Journey and outcomes are improving for children and families. Focus: TBC	4 March 2021
CYPSSC –Confirmed items for timetabling		
Adoption of the Children First Strategic Approach	Pre-decision scrutiny – (cross-cutting with PFSC) - to review the proposed Children’s First Strategic Approach. Work is being progressed through the newly created Children Sub Group that reports to HWB. Scrutiny to be determined following work of the group.	TBC
Early Help Redesign	Pre-decision scrutiny – to assess the draft proposals for the redesign of early help. NB – further work being carried out in light of Covid-19 and reset and reboot proposals. Therefore, a new timeline is being established.	TBC
Regional Adoption Agency	Service Improvement - To assess the impact of the Regional Adoption Agency (requested by BPG in	April/May 2021

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	February 2020 & SC in 2019) and scrutinise its first year of operation (established April 2020).	
Children Looked After Strategy	Service improvement/Pre decision scrutiny- To review the Draft CLA Strategy. To be shared virtually with the Committee for comment on the content prior to its adoption. Was reviewed by Corporate Parenting Panel on 25 June 2020.	Complete – was shared virtually with Committee members in September.
High Cost Residential Placements and Residential Homes	Service Improvement – To review plans for post-16 residential placements and the re-opening of some children’s residential homes. (requested by BPG in February 2020).	TBC
Visits to residential homes	To form part of a training day for CYPSSC members (originally scheduled for June 2020). Will be linked with above agenda item.	TBC
Enquiry Days		
Sussex Wide Children and Young People Emotional Health and Wellbeing Report	Performance Monitoring - To review emotional health and wellbeing support for children and young people, jointly with the HASC and the West Sussex Youth Cabinet. (following the publication of the Sussex Wide Children and Young People Emotional Health and Wellbeing Report).	February 2021
Task & Finish Groups		
Education and Skills Annual Report	Performance Monitoring - To review the performance of West Sussex Children in academic year 2019-20 and progress towards achievement against targets in the WS Plan. The TFG will be invited to put forward any recommendations to the Cabinet Member and identify any priorities for further scrutiny.	Complete – met 8 July 2020
Home to School Transport	Performance Monitoring - Suggested by PFSC as a cross cutting TFG to explore the service provided and contract. Scoping meeting took place on 1 October 2020. Agreed that a TFG is not required at this stage and the impact on Home to School Transport will be included in the SEND Strategy item at Committee on 7 January 2021.	Complete

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Proposed Scope of Services for a Children's Trust	Pre-decision scrutiny. A one off TFG meeting on 9 October to review the proposals ahead of the decision being taken by Cabinet on 20 October.	Complete – met 9 October 2020
Business Planning Group – items for BPG to consider for Scrutiny (including those raised by Committee Members under 'Items for Future Scrutiny').		
Post-16 and NEETS	Performance Monitoring - To focus on the impact on young people on the changes to the services following the cessation of ECF funding in December 2020.	Spring 2021
IT in Children's Social Care	Raised at CYPSSC on 4 March. To assess and review if the IT support and provision available for Social Workers is sufficient and robust.	A briefing note to be circulated to the Committee (no agenda item required).
Allocation of funding of SEND provision in early years.	Raised at Committee in January 2020. Detail to be explored at future BPG.	TBC
Elective Home Education	Performance Monitoring - Discussed at BPG in March 2020 – agreed to await government feedback/guidance on EHE before considering if further scrutiny is required.	TBC
Attainment Gap for disadvantaged Children and Children Looked After	Performance Monitoring – to understand reasons for attainment gap and explore how this can be reduced, including Early Years. To include monitoring progress of disadvantaged children and Children Looked After. BPG to review and identify any areas for future scrutiny.	November 2020
School Federations	Performance Monitoring – BPG to review how this is proceeding with schools and how it is assisting with the delivery of the school effectiveness strategy. BPG to review and identify any areas for future scrutiny	TBC
Business Planning Group – to monitor		

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Woodlands Meed	BPG to monitor progress and identify any areas for scrutiny as the project progresses	Ongoing
Adult Community Learning Curriculum	To review the current curriculum and performance and consider any areas for future scrutiny	November 2020
Total Performance Monitor	To review the latest performance monitor at each BPG and consider any areas that require scrutiny.	At each meeting
Work Programme Planning	To consider updates from the services and stakeholders and consider whether any issues should be subject to formal scrutiny by CYPSSC (when assessed against the BPG checklist).	At each meeting
Contract Monitoring	The BPG agreed to look at contract monitoring twice a year and identify any areas that may require further scrutiny.	Twice a year
Children and Young People Services Training (as requested by Committee)		
Children's Safeguarding Partnership (focus on neglect)	Suggested as a full member day to inform members of the work of the Safeguarding Partnership with a focus on neglect (requested by CYPSSC 4 March 2020).	Virtual Member Day scheduled for 17 November 2020.
Exclusions and Alternative Provision	Suggested as a Member Day to inform members of the processes, roles and responsibilities, voice of child, quality assurance and members role with local residents requesting assistance.	Member day being explored with Member Development Group